



Speech by H.E. Mr. HORINOUCI Hidehisa
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to the Kingdom of Cambodia
At the Opening Ceremony
for the Project for Expansion of National Maternal and Child Health Center
Phnom Penh, Nov 28th, 2016

- His Excellency Mr. Bin Chhin, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
- His Excellency Dr. Mam Bunheng, Minister of Health,
- Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am delighted to attend this opening ceremony for the Project for Expansion of National Maternal and Child Health Center.

First of all, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to H.E Mr. Bin Chhin, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Dr. Mam Bunheng, Minister of Health, and the officials of the Ministry of Health as well as the staff of the National Maternal and Child Health Center for organizing this ceremony.

The Government of Japan supported the construction of the National Maternal and Child Health Center in 1995. Since then, Japan has been continuously supporting capacity development of the personnel engaged in maternal and child health care both at the center and at provincial hospitals.

We believe that maternal and child health is critically important for healthy growth of children. For this reason, the Government of Japan has been placing priority on this field for a long time.

In the project the completion of which we are celebrating today, the National Maternal and Child Health Center has been further improved through 1) the construction of a new training center; and 2) the renovation of the existing facilities and the provision of equipment.

I sincerely hope that the new training center will help to raise the standard of health services in this country and that the improved National Maternal and Child Health Center will cater to the needs of Cambodian people more effectively.

Finally, I would like to conclude my speech by expressing our wish that this assistance from the people and the Government of Japan will further strengthen the close and friendly relations existing between Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Thank you very much.

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