

Speech by Mr. YONAMINE Moriyasu
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At the Hand-Over Ceremony of the Project for Installing Medical Equipment
at Ang Roka Referral Hospital in Takeo Province
27th May 2016

- Dr. Hem Sareth, Director of Takeo Provincial Department of Health,
- Mr. Tek Tong Iym, Governor of Tram Kak District,
- Mr. Prak Buntheun, Director of Ang Roka Operational District,
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to attend the hand-over ceremony of the project for installing medical equipment at Ang Roka Referral Hospital in Takeo Province, in the presence of Dr. Hem Sareth. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Hem Sareth and those who attend this ceremony.

Takeo Province is one of the main areas in which the Japanese Self Defense Forces and civilian personnel worked for the peacekeeping operation under UNTAC. It was the very first time that the Self Defense Forces were sent overseas for the United Nations' peacekeeping operation. Since then, the Government of Japan has been strongly supporting the Royal Government of Cambodia's efforts for reconstruction and development in a wide range of sectors, and improvement of medical facilities is one of the areas we have focused on.

As a part of such endeavor, Japan helped to install medical equipment and a power generator at Ang Roka Referral Hospital in this project. The old ultrasound and hematology analyzer were decrepit and the generator had not been working for years before implementing this project. Thus, it was difficult for medical staff to strengthen the diagnosis and medical equipment and other necessary machines could not work during blackouts. The new equipment and generator, which has been installed by Japan's Grass-Roots Human Security Grant Assistance, enables patients to receive better medical treatment and it is expected to contribute to the improvement of the health services in the region.

Finally, I sincerely hope that the medical equipment and generator will be maintained properly and utilized effectively over a long period of time as a symbol of friendly relationship between Cambodian and Japanese people.

Thank you for your attention.