

**Speech by H.E. Mr. HORINOUCI Hidehisa,
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**At the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for Grassroots Human Security Projects
March 9, 2017**

- Mr. Poeung Tryda, Director, Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries,
- Mr. Chay Lo, Executive Director, Teuk Saat 1001
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to hold a signing ceremony today for grant contracts of the Grassroots Human Security Projects.

The first grant project, which amounts to \$82,960, is “The Project for Strengthening Agricultural Cooperatives in Tbaeng Meanchey District and Kulean District, Preah Vihear Province.” In this project, two rice harvesters will be provided and two agricultural cooperative centers will be built for the two agricultural cooperatives. It is expected that this project will improve the quality of organic rice which will be exported and consequently make around 460 farmers' livelihood better.

The second grant project, which amounts to \$77,840, is “The Project for Constructing Water Treatment Kiosks in Six Communes in Takeo Province.” In this project, six water treatment kiosks and necessary equipment will be provided. This project is expected to benefit nearly 1,900 households in the region. I hope that the project will ensure equal access to safe water for the people and contribute to the reduction of water-borne diseases.

Lastly, I strongly hope that these projects will be implemented smoothly and the facilities and equipment to be provided in the projects will be properly maintained so that they can be used for many years and benefit as many local people as possible. I also hope that these projects will help further strengthen the friendships between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you.