

**Speech by Mr. CHIBA Taizo**  
**Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Cambodia**  
**On the occasion of the Inauguration Ceremony of The Project for Road Improvement**  
**in Pang Rolim Village, O'tavao Commune, Pailin City, Pailin Province**  
**6 April, 2017**

- Venerable Monks,
- H.E. Mr. Koeurt Sothea, Governor of Pailin Province,
- Mr. Eat Sarath, Director of Pailin Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport,
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great pleasure for me to attend today's ceremony, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Koeurt Sothea, Governor of Pailin Province, to celebrate the completion of the Project for Road Improvement in Pang Rolim Village, O'tavao Commune, Pailin City, Pailin Province.

As building infrastructure has been a priority in Japan's development assistance for Cambodia, various projects to improve infrastructure have been implemented, including in rural areas. Now, I am pleased to see the road has been significantly improved by the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects.

I understand that this improved road would benefit nearly 4,300 people living in the region. It is expected that it will provide the local people with easier access to schools, hospitals and markets and promote transportation of agricultural products.

I sincerely hope that Pailin Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport will maintain the road and the culverts in a proper manner so that the local residents could benefit for a long period of time.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the people concerned who have contributed to the smooth implementation of the project. I strongly hope that this road will become a symbol of the friendship between the two countries and further strengthen the friendly relations between the Japanese and Cambodian people.

**Thank you very much.**