Press Release

Inauguration Ceremony for Expansion of National Maternal and Child Health Center
Constructed under Japanese Grant Aid

Ministry of Health will organize the Inauguration Ceremony for “the Project for Expansion of National Maternal and Child Health Center”

The ceremony will be highly presided over by H.E. Bin Chhin, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Mr. Horinouchi Hidehisa, Ambassador of Embassy of Japan.

The Ceremony will be held on 28th November starting from 8:00 AM, at the National Maternal and Child Health Center (#31A France St(47), Sangkat Sra Chork, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh).

In Cambodia, since the end of the civil war, major maternal and child health indicators has improved dramatically with tireless efforts of the government to rebuild its deteriorated health system. However, maternal and child mortality rate in Cambodia were still high compared to regional standard.

NMCHC, which was constructed by the Grant Aid of the Government of Japan in 1997, has contributed to the qualitative and quantitative improvements of maternal and child health care services in Cambodia with the support of subsequent Technical Cooperation Projects by JICA, and it is now a top referral hospital in Cambodia.

As a top referral hospital, more advanced perinatal medical care services and more diversified, practical and longer period training courses in NMCHC are required. The Government of Cambodia requested this Grant Aid Project in order to respond to these circumstances.

The Project is to improve the quality of health services and trainings provided at the NMCHC by renovation and construction of facilities and procurement of medical and training equipment. This enables NMCHC to provide better pre/in service trainings at the new Training Center, and more quality services for mothers and newborn utilizing new NICU and ICU.

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