

*Remarks by H.E. Leewood Phu
Secretary General of NiDA
on the Occasion of the Joint Coordination Committee Meeting
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Your Excellency Mr. Suzuki Yasujiro,
Your Excellencies, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Representatives from the Embassy of Japan & JICA,
JICA Experts,

Today, I am quite honored to stand in front of all of you to welcome you all to the final Joint Coordination Committee Meeting of the Capacity Development on ICT Management Project at NiDA.

In addition to welcoming you all, please allow me to take this rare opportunity to thank you all as well for taking times off your busy schedule to be here today. Our present here today is made possible by the CD project implemented by JICA, so let me also take this rare opportunity to thank all the staffs of the embassy of Japan & JICA, the people and the government of Japan, of course, through the embassy of Japan, for making it possible for all of us to gather here today. Special thanks also go to our technical team and the secretariat for making such a beautiful arrangement for all of us.

The CD project is being implemented quite well. Thank to all the peoples who had tirelessly spent their valuable times away from home to have this project approaches a successful conclusion, namely, Mr. YUKINO Kunio, Ms. MIYATA Mayumi, Dr. KURODA Tomoyuki, Mr. TANAKA Yusuke, Mr. ARAKAKI Kenichiro, Mr. HOYA Hideo, Mr. ARAKI Hitoshi, Mr. KAMATA Keisuke, Ms. SATOU Shiori, Mr. Jack LIN, Mr. KURACHI Yoshinori, Mr. HIRATSUKA Ryozo and their NiDA counterparts. Unfortunately these JICA experts had returned to their family in Japan already. So may I ask that my personal thanks be conveyed to them for their relentless efforts to execute the project in a timely manner. Special thanks also go to Mr. FUSE Makoto, Chief Advisor and Ms. KIMURA Misaki, project coordinator, for helping in the coordination of the overall project implementation.

At the outset of the project, we had seen the up & down side of the project, the easy & difficult part of the project, which is normal for any technical project of this magnitude, but we were able to steer the project to our predetermined goal.

Half way into the project, NiDA had to move to the current temporary building, which is not in the project scope, thus, created some difficulties and tensions in the coordination processes. With our extensive technical and engineering projects implementation experiences, we were able to cope with it, to show our strength that we, NiDA and JICA experts can work together as a team to achieve a common set goal.

As we approach the conclusion of the project we have seen clearly the effectiveness of the project, i.e. what has been done and what needed to be done. In summary, this project meets the need of the Royal Government of Cambodia and conforms to the OECD guideline as well.

Your Excellencies, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I would like to take this opportunity to request the Government of Japan, of course through JICA and the Embassy of Japan to further provide assistance to NiDA on the remaining works needed to be done as will be shown in our presentations. Please kindly convey my request to the respective government agencies in Japan at your earliest convenience. We are in this room are eagerly looking forward to your positive reply soon.

To conclude my remarks, I would like to once again, thank you all for being here today and I would wish you all a fruitful discussion.

Thank you very much for your undivided attention.