

Opening remarks
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on 10th Meeting of the FACCC
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- **Excellencies**
- **Mr Togo Uchida, representatives of JICA-Cambodia**
- **Representatives from Fisheries Administration and General Department Administration of Natural Conservation and Protection of Ministry of Environment**
- **Observer participants, ladies and gentlemen**

On behalf of the Cambodia's Forestry Administration, I am delighted and honored to deliver an open remark at the 10th meeting of the FA Climate Change and REDD+ Committee(FACCC). I would like to welcome you all and thanks for spending your valuable time to participate in the meeting today, in particular Ms. Misa Kemmiya of JICA-Head Quarter, who traveled quite long way from Japan.

The FACCC serves as the “Joint Coordination Committee (JCC)” of CAM-REDD stipulated in the Record of Discussions between Royal Government of Cambodia and JICA on 27th May 2011, which provides guidance to CAM-REDD.

With support from CAM-REDD and other REDD+ development partners, our government has reached our target in establishing protected forest over 50,000 hectares per year. Other high forest biodiversity sites are in process of establishing as protected forest, namely Prey Long and Preah Roka. We hope that we will achieve a target of having 3million hectares of protected forest by 2029 as it lay down in our National Forest Programme(NFP).

Just as significantly, the validation of REDD project in Seima Protected Forest was successful. Sale of REDD Carbon credit also made in small quantity in Oddar Meanchey Project. We hope that in the next few years

we will be able to mobilize some more funds from sale of credit for support of forest protection, wildlife conservation and benefit of local communities. We deeply thanks for the support of JICA for making this happen.

As one of the significant process, national REDD+ strategy has been drafted and it will be ready to presence to international communities at COP21 of UNFCCC in December 2015 in Paris. The strategy has been consulted with national and sub-national stakeholders in Cambodia. The main aim of the strategy is to reduce rate of deforestation.

Excellency, ladies and gentlemen

The objectives of meeting today will cover :

- progress report by CAM-REDD and discussion
- approval of revised work plan so called, Project Design Matrix-PDM 7 and
- endorsement of revised Financial Plan until May 2016.

Project Design Matrix had been reviewed based on a direction of REDD+ relevant ministries and agencies. This issue was considered at the last FACCC meeting in March 2015 but PDM was not revised. Therefore, today meeting we expect to review it once again and to approve the revised PDM. Similarly, we will seek for endorsement of financial plan till May 2016, which is the end of the CAM-REDD.

For today agenda items, I would like to request for your active participate in discussions and expressing your opinions. Your voices will contribute to promoting the national REDD+ process together with development of National REDD+ Strategy, which may be able to attract long term support on forest management and conservation for the benefit of local communities in Cambodia. I hope today's meeting will provide fruitful result.

Taking this good opportunity, I would like to thanks for the support of JICA not only through CAM-REDD, but also in others activities. We hope that JICA will also continue to support REDD+ strategy implementation

Thank you very much for your attention!