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In The Occasion Of
The Opening Of Third Steering Committee Meeting On The Master Plan
Study On The Development Of New CNS/ATM System In Cambodia
on 30 September 2009, Phnom Penh, CATS Building

- His Excellencies in the Executive Committee on the study team
- His Excellency –Representative from the Office of Council of Ministers
- Representative from JICA
 - Mr. Singo Morihata- Representative from JICA Cambodian Office
- JICA Project Consultative Team
 - Mr. Hiroyuki Ueda - Leader and Senior Adviser to JICA
- Study Team**
 - Mr. Tomotaka Taniguchi Team Leader / Air Safety Planning**
- Distinguished Guests and
- ladies and Gentleman

On behalf of the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation of Cambodia and as the chairman of the Steering Committee of this study project, I would like to extend warmest welcome to Excellencies, Mr. HIROYUKI UEDA- Senior Adviser to JICA, Representatives from the Japanese Study Team, Executive and steering committee members, technical working group, representative from line ministries, Cambodia Air Traffic Service company (CATS) and Societe Concessionnaire de l'aeroport (SCA) to this meeting.

Today I have the great honor to open the 3rd steering committee meeting on the master plan study on the development of New CNS/ATM System prepared by our side the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation with the Cooperation of Japanese Study Team.

Particularly in this occasion I would like to deeply thank the Japanese citizens through the government of Japan that always gives the Official Development Assistance (ODA) to support the development of all fields in Cambodia. For the Civil Aviation Sector the Government of Japan has supported and continues to support some projects such as the improvement of the Meteorology in Cambodia, the Preparatory Study for Master Plan of local airports rehabilitation and sustainable operation and providing the technical expert yearly. And now the government of Japan is helping to support the study of New CNS/ATM system.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman

Regarding to our current study project, I would like to repeat that the objectives of New CNS/ATM systems are:

- To formulate a phased Master Plan for developing the new CNS/ATM systems through the year 2025;
- To prepare an Action Plan through the year 2015; and
- To carry out Technology Transfer through this Study to help the technical level of personnel who will implement, use, and maintain the new CNS/ATM systems.

As you are well are that Cambodia has nine domestic airports and three international airports. Those three international airports are Phnom Penh international airport located at Phnom Penh capital, Siem Reap international airport located at Siem Reap Province and Province Preah Sihanouk International Airport, which are under BOT investment.

So far Cambodia does not have a plan of new CNS/ATM system implementation and the organization to these systems implementation planning compares unfavorably with neighboring countries, such as Thailand and Singapore. Therefore a possibility that a big difference may arise is in economic development with the neighboring countries by the ability not to respond to expansion of future traffic volume capacity, and on-line carrier's airplane of mounted new avionics. In addition, this is a possibility of becoming a prevention factor to expansion of the traffic flow of Asia is also high.

In such a background, Cambodia is regarded as a subject of the utmost importance where the technical know-how exchange with Japan etc. raises the safety of the aviation traffic for two countries, Cambodia expect that realization of use-of-air-transportation increase of future Cambodia and development of the new air route between Japanese-Cambodia lead technical cooperation of Japan.

The State Secretariat of Civil Aviation of Cambodia understands enough the importance of the implementation plan of the new CNS/ATM system. However in Cambodia, aviation communication, navigation, etc. which used the satellite are remarkably insufficient of understanding of these systems built by the newest technology. Therefore, they are asking for Japanese cooperation which has many experience of investigation and research of a new CNS/ATM system positively, advancing implementation.

By conducting this development study, Cambodia will have an implementation plan of the optimal new CNS/ATM system. It becomes securable the safe and smooth traffic flow in Asian area, and also this will contribute to the economic development of Cambodia.

Therefore the Government of Kingdom of Cambodia, accordingly, requested the Government of Japan for technical co-operation for the study of the development of satellite-based CNS/ATM Systems.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, for that reason, appreciate very much the Government of Japan that provided the official development assistance (ODA) to the project on the master Plan study on development of New CNS/ATM System.

Related to this study project I know that we recently conducted the first and Second steering committee meeting of the working group on the master Plan study on the Development of New CNS/ATM System in Cambodia on 16 March 2009 presided by H.E Chea Aun-Director General and **17 June 2009 for the Second Steering Committee**. Even at that time I could not join the meeting due to my tight schedule, I always keep in mind and released that the meeting was carried out smoothly and fruitfully. And it comes out with the reception reports and progress report which contents objectives, scope, method and schedule of the study and we already signed the minutes of the meeting.

As I know this third steering committee today we shall discuss about the interim report which contains all findings of the formulation of the Master Plan and we shall sign the minute of meeting after explaining this interim report.

And the study team will provide the draft final report at the next steering committee meeting and the final report at the end of project study on March 2010.

Before ending, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the JICA team and the Japanese Government, representative from SCA, Excellencies, representative from the line ministries, and the SSCA officers for their excellences assistance, supports and arrangement of this important meeting.

I would also like wish the meeting a great success and hereby declare the opening of the meeting.

Thank you.