

## **Opening Speech By H.E Say Sokhan**

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Cambodia**

**Vice Chairperson Steering Committee (SC)**

**In The Occasion Of**

**The Opening Of The Second Steering Committee Meeting On The Master  
Plan Study On The Development Of New CNS/ATM System  
on 17 June 2009, at Naga World, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.**

**Good Morning!**

- Your Excellency Tek Rethsamrach- Secretary of State of the office of the Council of Minister and the member of Executive Committee of the study project**
- Mr. HIROYUKI UEDA- Senior Adviser to JICA Headquarter**
- Executive and steering Committee members of the study project and**
- Ladies and Gentleman**

On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, the office of Council of Minister, the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation of Cambodia and the chairman of the Steering Committee of this study project and myself as the vice chairman of the Steering Committee, 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 be the chairperson for the opening of the Second 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 and the government of Japan that always gives the Official Development Assistance 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 aware 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 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 Cambodia government 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 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. 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 which contents objectives, scope, method and schedule of the study and we already signed the minutes of the meeting.

As I know this second steering committee we shall discuss about the progress report which contains all findings during Stage for Collection & Analyses of Data and Information and the Master of Ceremony announced that we shall sign the minute of meeting after explaining the progress report.

And the study team will provide the interim report on September 2009 in the next few months which will consist of the findings of formulation of Master Plan. Consecutive reports will be draft final report and 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.