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**Ambassador of Cambodia Discusses Cooperation
with President of the Japan–Cambodia Association**

H.E. Mr. CHUM Sounry, Ambassador-Designate of the Kingdom of Cambodia to Japan, held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Takahashi Fumiaki, President of the Japan–Cambodia Association (JCA) and former Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia, together with members of the Association, on 21 January 2026. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and reflected the long-standing friendship and close cooperation between Cambodia and Japan.

During the meeting, Ambassador-Designate Sounry expressed his high appreciation for H.E. Mr. Takahashi's leadership and enduring contributions to strengthening Cambodia–Japan relations, both during his tenure as Ambassador to Cambodia and in his continued engagement thereafter. He commended the Japan–Cambodia Association's historic and pioneering role since its establishment in 1963 in promoting mutual understanding, people-to-people ties, and cooperation across economic, cultural, educational, and social fields, including during challenging periods in Cambodia's history.

Both sides exchanged views on further enhancing cooperation under the Cambodia–Japan Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Ambassador-Designate Sounry commended the Association's valuable activities, including the promotion of trade and investment, academic and youth exchanges, cultural cooperation, dissemination of accurate information on Cambodia, and support for Cambodia's socio-economic development. He emphasized the importance of Track-2 diplomacy and people-to-people engagement in complementing official bilateral relations.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Ambassador-Designate Sounry reaffirmed the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Tokyo's readiness to work closely with the Japan–Cambodia Association to support its initiatives and to further strengthen friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation between Cambodia and Japan.

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