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**Ambassador of Cambodia to Japan Discusses Cooperation
with Tohoku University School of Medicine**

Tokyo, 19 March 2026 – H.E. CHUM Sounry, Ambassador-Designate of the Kingdom of Cambodia to Japan, received a delegation from Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine, led by Prof. Katsuhiko Yamaguchi, Chairman of Gyoukoukai Medical Corporation and Director of Ohashi Eye Clinic. The visit was arranged by H.E. TAI Susumu, Honorary Consul of Cambodia in Sendai and Adviser to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, at the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Tokyo.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on strengthening Cambodia–Japan cooperation, particularly in the areas of healthcare and human resource development. The Ambassador expressed his deep appreciation for Prof. Katsuhiko Yamaguchi's longstanding engagement with Cambodia, including his humanitarian contributions to the Cambodian people.

The Ambassador also highlighted the important role of H.E. TAI Susumu in promoting medical cooperation between Cambodia and Japan. In addition, he conveyed his sincere gratitude to the Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine for its close collaboration with Cambodian medical institutions.

In this regard, two Cambodian ophthalmologists from Calmette Hospital, Dr. Ret San Hy and Dr. Oeurn Sopanhato, were invited to participate in a training program at Tohoku University Hospital from 26 February to 20 March 2026. This program provides valuable opportunities for Cambodian doctors to enhance their clinical knowledge and professional skills. The Ambassador expressed his confidence that such training initiatives will contribute significantly to improving the quality of healthcare services in Cambodia.

During the discussion, both sides exchanged views on continuing their joint efforts to further enhance cooperation in healthcare and human resource development between the two countries. Ambassador-Designate Sounry reaffirmed the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Tokyo's readiness to support and facilitate collaboration between Cambodian and Japanese medical institutions, with a view to further strengthening Cambodia–Japan relations, particularly in the fields of healthcare and human resource development.

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