

**Ambassador's Speech at the Inauguration Ceremony of the QIP
"Establishment of Science Library in Ratanak Mondul District and
MoU Signing Ceremony of the QIP" Establishment of Science
Library at Sangke District in Battambang Province, Cambodia"**

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Chum reap suor! Good afternoon!

H.E. HEM Vanndy, Minister of Industry, Science, Technology &
Innovation, Kingdom of Cambodia

H.E. TRY Sophal, Director General, Ministry of Industry, Science,
Technology & Innovation, Kingdom of Cambodia

Mr. TEP Vanna, Principal of Hun Sen Treng High School

Distinguished friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to join you today for the inauguration of the Quick Impact Project entitled "Establishment of Science Library at Ratanak Mondul District in Battambang Province," and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Quick Impact Project "Establishment of a Science Library in Sangkè District of Battambang Province."

This occasion is a meaningful reflection of the strong and continuing partnership between the Embassy of India, the Government of India, and the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation of the Kingdom of Cambodia. It underscores our shared belief that education,

innovation, and scientific learning are essential drivers of sustainable development.

The Science Library we inaugurate today has been created to expand access to scientific knowledge, stimulate curiosity, and provide a creative and welcoming space for students, teachers, and the wider community. With its collection of science books, practical scientific instruments, and hands-on learning resources, the library encourages young learners not only to read, but also to experiment, question, and imagine.

More than 1,500 students from primary schools across Ratanak Mondul District will directly benefit from this initiative, together with teachers, principals, and parents. Its impact will extend well beyond the walls of this library, contributing to the development of future scientists, engineers, and innovators, while strengthening the foundations of the local education system.

Building on that success, we are very pleased to support a second Science Library, this time in Sangkè District. This new library will further expand access to science education, encourage curiosity among students, and create an environment where exploration and learning truly flourish.

Cambodia is a valued partner in India's Act East Policy. It is a country with whom India shares deep historical and civilisational ties. Under the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation framework, India supports ten Quick Impact Projects each year in Cambodia across key sectors such as health, education, women's empowerment, sanitation, and agriculture. To date, 66 QIPs have been supported, with 47 completed and 19

currently under implementation, all closely aligned with the priorities of the Royal Government of Cambodia at the local and provincial levels.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to His Excellency the Minister, the officials of the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation, the teachers, and all our local partners, whose dedication and cooperation ensure that these projects deliver meaningful and lasting benefits to the people of Battambang Province.

Thank you.