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**H.E. Mr. KHUONG Sreng, Governor of Phnom Penh Capital Administration**

**Subject: Covid-19 Vaccination for Children as Requirements to Attend School**

Your Excellency,

First of all, I, as the Chairman of Japanese Association of Cambodia and on behalf of all Japanese citizen's live in Cambodia, would like to express sincere appreciation and commend highly the efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia to reopen schools to retrieve educational opportunities for children in Cambodia, as well as your strong leadership over vaccination program, which has made Cambodia as one of the most vaccinated countries in the world.

It has recently come to my attention that Phnom Penh City Hall on October 5, 2021 announced that all people entering and leaving educational institutions must present COVID-19 vaccination card or certificates in Phnom Penh. To this day, it is not clear in the instruction by Phnom Penh City Hall if children between 6 to 18 years old, who are not able to present vaccination card or certificates are not allowed to attend schools.

Under these circumstances, allow me to make a request to Your Excellency the Royal Government of Cambodia will ensure schooling opportunities for all Japanese and their family members regardless of vaccination status when schools reopen for the sake of equal opportunity of education for all children. For this, I would like to draw your kind attention to the following facts to express our concerns to make vaccination card for children to attend schools;

- Currently there is no vaccine for children under 18 years approved by the Government of Japan nor World Health Organization (WHO) available in Cambodia
- Your Prime Minister declared that vaccination for children is on "voluntary" basis
- Instruction for school reopening originally issued by Ministry of Education does not required children to be inoculated to attend schools
- There is a concern that children in Phnom Penh will be disadvantaged compare to other provinces where vaccination cards are not required to attend schools

The Japanese Association of Cambodia with all Japanese citizens in Cambodia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency with assurance of its highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
  
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