The ILO-OSH Japanese Programme, led by Mr. Sho Sudo had a courtesy meeting with H.E. Dr. Ith Samheng, Minister of MoLVT on 22 November 2017 afternoon.

H.E. Dr. Minister shared with the team that the ILO and Cambodia have close collaboration in the work so far, and he expected that this ILO-OSH Project in “Enhancing the OSH Standards for Construction Sector” will also be able to cooperate well with the Ministry. Currently, the job in Construction Sector is fast growing and this illustrates the economic and employment growth in the country, which requires the attention by the government to workers.

Mr. Sho Sudo expressed his gratitude and sincere thanks to Minister for his leadership and commitment in this work to improve the Occupational Safety and Health for workers. He further added that the ILO-OSH Project is aiming for the Ministry to establish more legal framework (law and relevant Prakas) to improve the OSH standards in this sector, as well as requesting the MoLVT to consider on setting up a Project Advisory Board (PAB) for this project implementation.

With regards to the PAB, he mentioned that MoLVT is the key player to coordinate the work of the project. In addition, the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (MoLMUPC), Employer and Worker’s Organizations should also joining this PAB. This PAB mechanism will also enable to improve the OSH for the workers.

In response to the ILO’s proposed list, H.E. Dr. Minister of MoLVT expressed his support to the plan and strongly agreed that the MoLVT will take the consideration and action (including PAB) with the purpose to enhance the OSH Standard for Construction Workers in Cambodia.