

Kobe Shoin Japan-Cambodia Project News

April 2013

School Sponsorship Project



These children in rural Prey Veng are taking their first steps in literacy towards a brighter future

Our project to sponsor pre-schools in Prey Veng run by the Women Development Association (WDA) is now up-and-running. Five pre-schools, attended by a total of 96 children, began operation again in April 2012 after lack of funds had temporarily caused their suspension.



I visited one of the schools during my trip to Cambodia last September. Prey Veng is a rural province a few hours' drive from Phnom Penh. It is a very poor region where most of the population is engaged in farming. The schools are very basic and run on a low budget but they are serving the need of getting children into the education system. Most importantly, many of these children are then enrolling in primary schools.

The cost of running these 5 schools was covered last year by our donation of \$3,000. The first instalment of

\$1,500 has been sent for the first half of this current year (April 2013 to March 2014). The rapid depreciation of the yen in recent months against the dollar coupled with disappointing fund-raising results last year has made funding difficult for the coming year and prevented us from expanding the project.



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Report from the WDA on the Community Pre-School in Prey Veng Province

No.	Name of Community Pre-schools	Total No of Children 4-6 years old	Total No of Girls	Total No of Boys	Total No of Children aged 6 enrolled in 1 st grade of Primary School in Sept 2012	Total No of Girls	Total No of Boys
1	Sang Ker village	14	8	6	8	5	3
2	Thmey village	26	15	11	20	8	12
3	Chamka Kouy village	19	10	9	17	9	8
4	Prasna Toch village	21	12	9	12	4	8
5	Sam Noy village	16	6	10	6	4	2
Total No of Children		96	51	45	63	30	33

Curriculum

- Khmer consonants: 33
- Khmer vowels: 18
- Khmer and international Numbers: 1-20
- Moral practice on how to respect parents, the elderly, teachers, visitors, other children and good behaviour when sitting, standing, walking, speaking and playing
- Short Khmer poem
- Singing a song
- Observation of actual things such as local fruits and animals
- Hygiene: cutting nails, cleaning hands and face, taking a bath cutting hair, drinking clean water

Most of the children can read and write 60% of Khmer consonants; a few could not read or write smoothly

Most of the children can count and write Khmer and International numbers from 1-20; a few could not count or write smoothly. Moreover, those children could do simple calculation among numbers 1-20 too

All the children could sing the songs about hygiene, morality and respecting parents/elderly

The children come to school every morning Mon to Fri for the 2 1/2 hour classes

The curriculum of the pre-school includes simple sport such as football

31 children age 6 years old have prepared to enter the 1st grade at public primary schools around their villages

Encountered Problems:

- The pre-schools do not have enough tables and chairs for children
- Teaching materials are very limited

Success Story:

- 31 children age 6 have ability to continue their education in the 1st grade of primary school
- Most of the children come to school regularly
- The parents greatly appreciate being able to send their children to school

Suggestion: All the teachers want WDA and donor to display a school sign board in front of each school to let the villagers know about pre-school activities in their villages

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Itemized expenditure

	Item	Details per month	Sub-total per month	Total for 6 months
No. 1	Teacher's salary	\$25 x 5 teachers	\$125	\$250 x 6 months
No. 2	Teaching materials	\$5 x 5 schools	\$ 25	
No. 3	Class rental	\$5 x 5 schools	\$ 25	
No. 4	Transport for the staff	\$20 x 1 staff	\$ 20	
No. 5	Incentive for the staff	\$55 x 1 staff	\$ 55	
			Total per month \$250	Total for 6 months <u>\$1,500</u>



*Many charitable schemes ask you to sponsor a child. By sponsoring a **school**, you can benefit up to 25 children who receive 2 hours tuition a day from Monday to Friday.*

- Minimum sponsorship is **¥1,000** a month.
- **¥2,500** a month covers the cost of **one teacher's salary!**
- For **¥4,500** a month you can cover the **cost of running one school!**
- Sponsorship can be paid annually, or every six months.

Please complete and return the form on the back page if you would like to join our school sponsorship scheme.

“I don't want Cambodians to experience civil war as I did in my youth. If Cambodians are not educated, civil war will happen again and again.”

Sereithida Soreach, Executive Director of the WDA. Nine members of her family died under Pol Pot's reign of terror in the 1970s.

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Kobe Shoin Japan-Cambodia Project Financial Report April 2012 – March 2013

Note: All money raised is used for donations to educational projects in Cambodia. Expenses for my field trip with a Japanese student are paid by Kobe Shoin Women's University

Income

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Balance brought forward (April 2012):	<u>477,472</u>
Interest (1/04/2012)	38
Donation	50,000
Donation	12,450
Interest (1/10/2012)	16
Sales at Kobe Global Charity Festival (KGCF) (28/10/12)	2,920
Donation at KGCF	10,000
Share of profits from KGCF 2012 (31/1/2013)	50,000
TOTAL:	<u>602,896</u>

Expenses

Donation to Sreinit Ten for study expenses in US (US\$1,000)	82,450
Transfer to WDA (US\$3,000)	250,000
TOTAL:	<u>332,450</u>

BALANCE 31/3/2013: (602,896 – 332,450) = ¥270,446

On 3 April 2013, \$1,500 (¥144,490) was sent to WDA in Cambodia to cover costs of running the pre-schools in Prey Veng from April to October. More money needs to be raised to cover the cost of the second half of the year.

Besides sponsoring the pre-schools in Cambodia, in the past year we have also assisted Sreinit Ten in her post-graduate studies in the US at the University of Northern Illinois in Chicago. As a scholarship student at the Royal University of Phnom Penh, Sreinit won the first Kobe Shoin Cambodia Speech Contest and visited Japan in December 2010. She was a volunteer at the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam), an NPO documenting all materials related to the Khmer Rouge genocide, and after graduating was employed by the Center. Sreinit is now studying for a master's degree in Political Science. Her scholarship in the US covers her tuition but not her living expenses. From special donations last year, we gave Sreinit \$1,000 towards these expenses.



Name	Sponsorship amount
Address	E-mail address

Please return to Peter Mallett, Kobe Shoin Women's University, 2-1 Obanoyama-cho 1-chome, Shinohara, Nada-ku, KOBE 657-0015; e-mail: peter@shoin.ac.jp

Sponsorship fees can be transferred to the Kobe Shoin Women's University Japan-Cambodia Project post office account:

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