



# PEOPLE IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER

**People Improvement Organization (PIO)** serves over 1100 children a day through a variety of programs that include, non-formal education and vocational training. Through our programs we provide some of the most vulnerable women and children in Cambodia with hope for the future. Through education it is our belief that we can improve the lives of the Cambodian people which will lead to taking greater control of ones life and as a result, a life out of poverty.

**May - June  
2014**

*Phymean Noun, Creator/President & CNN Hero 2008*



**12  
years**

On 4 May, PIO staff, students, board, community leaders and **His Excellency, Khieu Kanharith, Minister of the Ministry for Information** joined together to acknowledge 12 years of building a brighter future through education.

It was wonderful to see so many children, including those from the Outreach Centres of Borey Keila and Borey Santipheap 2 arrived at the Stung Mean Chey school early on Sunday morning. They were excited at the prospect of much good food and fun. [Read more.](#)



**HYPE  
from  
Indonesia**

May 26<sup>th</sup>, PIO was honored with a large group of young people from the **HYPE organization**. The group was welcomed to PIO by the **Founder and CEO Phymean Noun**. The workshop was for the children from the Shelter, including those in the PIO dance group and some of the high school students. In a fun-filled session the students were introduced to some of the moves from modern Indonesian dance. [Read more.](#)



**Schools  
Visits  
from  
Singapore**

In June each year PIO receives an increasing number of visits from groups of students from **Singapore high schools**. The visitors gain an awareness of the challenges facing the poor of Cambodia, especially the children. They also have the opportunity to provide some assistance to those children, either through donations or practical assistance.

For the children of PIO the visit provides an opportunity to learn new skills and to practice their English with foreigners. The long term relationship enables the visit school to develop an ongoing interest in PIO and to provide much appreciated support [Read more.](#)




**Art  
Therapy  
from  
India**

PIO received a visit from **Indian Art Therapist Vikram Sinha** and his partner Andrea. Vikram is an experienced art therapist who works with children from conflict zones in India, Nepal & Myanmar. Under Vikram's guidance the children created mandala which used color and simple drawings to create an inner circle of themselves and an outer circle of the world around, in doing so it helped them gain insights into those things which frighten them and the ways they conquer those fears. [Read more.](#)



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