

People Improvement Organization Newsletter

People Improvement Organization (PIO) serves over 1400 Cambodian children with free education, nutrition, healthcare and vocational training. We provide some of the most vulnerable children in Cambodia with hope for the future. With the right education, support and encouragement, Cambodian people will be able to take greater control of their lives and, as a result, they will break the cycle of poverty.

Phymean Noun, Founder/CEO, CNN
Hero 2008
World's Children's Prize laureate
2015



July – August – September – October
2019

PIO School Results-2019



There has been a third year of PIO that conducted its own high classes (Grade 7 - 11) with the approval of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport. This year the results of Grade 9 examination were outstanding with a 100% pass rate. For Grade 6 the pass rate was 96%. Congratulations to our students for these outstanding results. Thank you to their teachers for preparing their students so well.

Grade 4 Beach Trip



In October, Grade 4 students and their teachers visited Kep province. The trip was made just after their end-of-year exams.

During the trip, their teachers divided students into five teams, and all team leaders were responsible for leading their friends in preparing food, playing games, cleaning up the rubbish and looking after all the members in their team.

The students enjoyed this trip, and also it was helped them to unite and to show leadership and learn the importance of team work. Thank you to the teachers and students for organizing this trip. It was of great benefit to everyone.

Tenth Asian Peace Camp for Girls



In August, our students, Kao Voleak and Mol Chhenlin were honoured to join the Asian Peace Camp for Girls in Nepal. This is the third time that PIO has been invited to send girls to this camp. For Voleak and Chhenlin this was their first opportunity to travel abroad. The camp aims to empower young women to be independent, brave, confident and self-directed in life. At the camp Voleak and Chhenlin gave a presentation about our PIO school and Khmer culture to the other girls. Both of them said that they made lots of friends from different Asian countries. They were very happy to be there.

Mathematic Competition 2019



Each August, after the final semester exams, PIO has a team maths competition for G2 – G10 classes. The questions are answered on iPads using one of our online apps. The winning teams at each level were awarded certificates at a prize giving ceremony. The Grade 10 competition was a challenging set of 10 puzzles. The winning team was awarded a visit to the National Museum followed by lunch at a riverside restaurant. Visit <http://temple.teacherjohn.org> to try the tests for yourself.

English Speaking Contest 2019



This year has been a third year of the PIO English Speaking Competition. All contestants gained much from the experience of formal speaking. The high school classes also learned to use Google Slides to enhance their presentations. This competition was between students from PIO Borey Keila and Steung Mean Chey schools. It was a very closely contested with the senior prize going to Mon Chhenlin from Grade 9 at the Steung Mean Chey school.

Linda – Volunteer from Germany



This is Linda Bowes. She is from Germany, and she volunteered at PIO for one year as a teacher of technology and reading classes in the Temple of Learning. Linda was a very committed and capable volunteer, doing so much to help everyone. She played a key role in developing our reading program and expanding the use of educational technology to all classes. Linda was always friendly, kind and most helpful to all students and to her colleagues. We would like to thank here for her exceptional contribution to PIO during the 2018/2019 school year. We wish her all the best for her university studies this year and hope that in the future she can come back to PIO.

AIA Donation



PIO Shelter students were honoured to join the workshop conducted by AIA, a big insurance company in Phnom Penh. The workshop was to inspire students. The keynote speaker was Cambodian singer, Chay Virak Yuth. The students were surprised and delighted to meet him and learned good life lessons from him. We would like to thank AIA company for that workshop and for donation of cooking supplies, cleaning supplies, books, and a printer.

Maybank Sponsorship



Maybank has partnered with PIO for almost 7 years. In 2019-2020, Maybank is sponsoring 50 high school students. The students are happy as they were selected to be supported by Maybank. They are very interested in the workshop that are part of this program. We would like to thank Maybank for your very important contribution to PIO. We appreciate it very much.

Pchum Ben Day



In September, the students and teachers went to a pagoda to celebrate Pchum Ben, a most important national ceremony. They all carried food and sweet drinks to give to the monks for praying to their ancestors. The teachers were pleased to accompany the students and were delighted with how well the students appreciated the importance of the ceremony to honour their ancestors.

PIO Opening Ceremony for 2019/2020 School Year



The PIO School Opening Ceremony 2019-2020 is an occasion when we welcome our students back to the school again. A thousand students attended the open day, it is an important part of their education. The event was attended by a delegation from Just World International (JWI) who have been our major donor and partner since 2004. Our student enjoyed the dance performances and songs and , listened to speeches from PIO Founder, Phymean Noun and the CEO of Just world International, Jessica Newman. We wish all of our students every success in new school year.

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