

# 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.

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



November – December – January  
2019-2020

## PIO Electronics Class



In October 2019 we began our electronics club for senior high school students. The class use Arduino Learner kits which contain everything they need to learn the basics of electronics. The class is taught by our Project Manager, Teacher John Thompson. Ry Dyna who is studying in the class said it was new experience of learning how to write code for electronics experiments and to carry out projects. experiment. The students are passionate to study science and attend the class each day for one hour during their lunch break. Information about the curriculum and the projects the students do can be found at <http://temple.teacherjohn.org> along with all of our other STEM projects.

# M-TEL International School



This is a second time that M-TEL International School has visited PIO. This year they brought Christmas presents such as school supplies, clothes and other gifts to the PIO students.

The event also included exchanging and sharing life and study experiences between PIO students and the M-TEL School students. The event concluded with a thank you speech from PIO Founder Ms Phymean Noun.

Thank you M-TEL School for your kindness to the children of PIO.

# Christmas Party 2019



Each year PIO holds a Christmas party for the students and staff. In 2019, we had a celebration for the students to enjoy. The celebration involved playing fun games, singing songs and enjoying dance performances. All of the children received a gift box from the Box of Hope charity and we served a delicious lunch of curry and baguettes for all the students. At the end of the ceremony, the students and teachers danced happily. We'd like to thank Box of Hope for their yearly donation of boxes of presents to the children of PIO.

## Health - Warming Up Activities with Maybank



Maybank provide many workshops and seminars for the PIO students they sponsor. The latest one was a lot of fun! It was about health and warming up activities. PIO students enjoy their sport and exercise and this workshop was of great benefit to them. It showed students how to care for their health and learn how to exercise correctly and effectively. Every student played and exercised in amazement because of all the hi-tech equipment at the fitness center. Thank you Maybank! They are eagerly awaiting the next Maybank workshop - they always a lot of fun and very informative.

## Padini Donation



In December, PIO was fortunate to receive a donation of school supplies and cooking supplies from Padini (Cambodia) Co., Ltd. They not only brought donation , but also organized some games so that the children enjoy much more. At the end of the celebration, all 50 students received KFC food packs for lunch, and then they danced happily with the Padini staff.

## Dental Treatment



The dental volunteers this semester are oral hygiene students from the University of Newcastle and University of Queensland. They are supervised by their university teachers.

These group have been visiting PIO for five years and usually visit twice a year to screen and treat our children. The visit is organized by Ground Asia and Antipodeans Abroad.

While in Cambodia they work with staff from a dental school at the university of Puthisastra. These regular visits have done much to significantly improve the dental health of children of PIO.

## Reading and Research G8 - G11



There has been second time for conducting a reading assignment and research project for high school students. The students chose one book, fiction or non-fiction or a website to study and from that prepare a report on what they studied to other students. They students work in teams of four work together on their speech and a Google Slide presentation to accompany their speech. Each member of the team speaks during the presentation, which is in the form of a speech competition. It was very closely contested with the teams showing their skills in speaking English to an audience of their peers..

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