

People Improvement Organization Newsletter

People Improvement Organization (PIO) serves over 1250 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



November – December – January
2017-2018

Cam-Paint Donation



In December last year Cam-Paint, a leading provider of paints in Cambodia, came to PIO to make a donation to the school. The donation was to cover the cost of paint for the new building. There were speeches from the Cam-Paint manager who spoke to the students about his own life, and the need to work and study hard. There followed a speech from the PIO Founder and some performances from the PIO students. We are grateful to Cam-Paint Cambodia for their generous donation to help PIO.

Christmas Party



Each year PIO holds a Christmas party for the staff and students. On the 25th of December 2017 we had large ceremony. The teachers and volunteers had lunch together and celebrated Christmas with the children. The celebration involved playing funny games, singing songs and enjoying a comedy performance from some of the PIO high school students. Gifts were provided by the Box of Hope organization, who once again, provided Christmas presents for every student at PIO. After the presentation of gifts the students enjoyed a delicious lunch of curry and baguettes. The celebration ended with the students and teachers dancing. We look forward to doing it all again for Christmas 2018!

Grade 9 High School Class



Grade 9 students are working hard in preparation for the end of semester examinations. They're all making an effort to do a lot of homework and revision. Their teachers have commented that the students are very focused, paying attention to the teacher and committing to getting a good result for this exam. Year 9 is very important for high school students in Cambodia because, at the end of the year they sit the public examination for admission to senior high school.

Kite Making-Kindergarten Class



In December Artist and Toy Designer Kyle Kesterson came to PIO to teach the boys Kindergarten class how to make kites from plastic bags, straws and string. Within 2 hours the class had made 10 kites and were running around outside getting their kites to fly. It was a wonderful lesson. A big thank you to Kyle and his partner for providing all the materials and offering such a creative lesson to the young children of PIO.

Maybank Workshop



In November Maybank held the last of the 2017 workshops for the 50 students that they sponsor. At that seminar the students worked in groups to read an English story book. Each member of the team then recounted the story to the participants. The workshops have been very effective , developing life skills and building confidence.

Maybank End of Year Program at Kirirom



In December Maybank organised a field trip to Kirirom Mountain for the 50 high school students they sponsor and the PIO high school teachers, accompanied by many Maybank staff . The trip involved having fun games and a delicious lunch. Afterwards, Maybank gave a certificate of achievement to the students for completing the workshops successfully, with special awards for the top students. It was a wonderful and happy celebration of the long partnership between Maybank and PIO

Peirce Secondary School visit to PIO



For the past five years PIO has enjoyed hosting visits from Peirce Secondary School (Singapore). Each year the students and their teachers arrive with donations of food, uniforms and school supplies. In addition they come prepared with a wide range of activities – art, music, problem solving and games for the PIO classes, and all the equipment needed for those activities. The Peirce students relate well to the PIO children and everyone has a great time being creative and having fun. Thank you Peirce Secondary School for your ongoing support. We greatly appreciate your help.

PIO English Speaking Contest



PIO has an English Speech Contest every three months for building more confident English public speaking. This month there were the top six students from PIO Borey Keilar School and the six top students of PIO Steung Mean Chey. They each gave a three minute speech on a topic of their own choice. The speeches were judged by Teacher John, who was very impressed with the ability of the students to give speeches in fluent English. At the end of the speeches, certificates were given to the three contestants from each school who gave the best speeches.

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