

# People Improvement Organization Newsletter

The **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/Executive Director,  
CNN Hero 2008

World's Children's Prize laureate 2015



May – June – July  
2017

## International Children's Day



International Children's Day is celebrated each year on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. It helps us to reaffirm our commitment to protecting children. At PIO we recognized this important day with a party for the children. They were enthusiastic about the wonderful celebration. They received cakes from the Queen Mother, and their teacher taught them about children's rights. The students want to celebrate this day every year.

## PIO Students Supported by Maybank



Maybank, sponsors of 50 PIO high school students ran three workshops over the past three months. In May, the topic was “Living in Society” and they presented the students with information about the issues we face in today’s world. The June workshop featured a drawing competition and a display of the students’ art work. The last workshop, was about how to use social networks properly. The Maybank led seminars were of great value to our students.

## Play Around The World



PIO students were very happy to play games one day a week with five volunteers from **Play Around the World**. The volunteers were here for three months. They are all studying sport at the University of Alberta Canada and this is the third time they have visited PIO. The team taught games and fun activities for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. They were always hard-working and the response from the children was one of great enjoyment and enthusiasm.. We hope to see them here again next year.

## Financial Literacy



From the beginning of June Mr Pov Phearun, from the Credit Union Foundation of Australia Program is at PIO to run a series of lessons about financial literacy. The students from Grade 3 to Grade 6 learn about the importance of saving and how to save money. The program was paid for with a \$7000 donation from an Australian group that visited PIO in 2016.

## French Volunteer



For the past two months French volunteer Morgane Vaglio has been working with one of the Kindergarten classes. We greatly appreciated her commitment and effort in working hard to teach English and mathematics to the young children of PIO..

## City University Hong Kong Volunteers



In June volunteers from the City University of Hong Kong taught English to Grades 1A and 1B. Their commitment to the task was exceptional. Each morning they came in early to prepare some materials and to discuss their lesson plans with our Program Manager. In the afternoon they taught the classes. The PIO enjoyed their lessons from the volunteers and on the last day the volunteers had a party for their classes.

## Canadian High School Students



On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, Canadian students from the Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute in Ontario came to visit PIO. Their aim was to share some art and music activities with the students. There were 24 students and 6 teachers who worked with Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes. It was their first visit from this school and we hope for further visits from them in the future.

## EUROTECH'S DONATION



On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July there was a special ceremony when EUROTECH Company donated a 3.5 tonne truck to PIO. The truck is to replace the old vehicle being used to transport students from Borey Santepheap 2 to Stung Meanchey each day. The celebration involved a delicious lunch of curry and baguettes for all the students. Eurotech are a leading provider of bottled water in Cambodia. We thank them for their generous donation.

**Make a  
donation**



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