

People Improvement Organization Newsletter

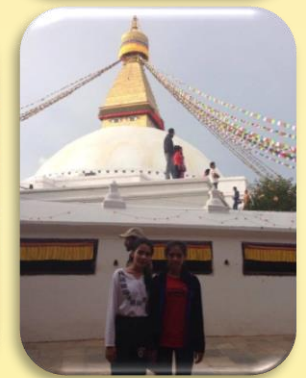
People Improvement Organization (PIO) serves over 1400 Cambodian children with free education, nutrition, healthcare and vocational training. We provide some of the most vulnerable children in Cambodia with hope for the future. With the right education, support and encouragement, Cambodian people will 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



August – September – October
2017

Girl Peace Camp Nepal



In September PIO high school students Sreykean Han and Srey Nich Lim attended the 9th Asia Girl Child Peace Camp in Nepal. The camp is organized each year, this is the second year that PIO has been invited to send girls to the camp. The camp holds workshops to inspire girls and help them to develop creative ideas and to contribute to society. Srey Kean and Srey Nich were able to share their culture and ideas with girls from many other countries. They were proud to be involved in the project. We hope we can send two more students to the camp next year..

Maybank Love Carnival



Maybank are sponsors of 50 PIO high school students. This year Maybank also supported PIO on its Global Corporate Responsibility day in August. The occasion was the Maybank Love Carnival and the theme was "Empowering our Leaders of Tomorrow". PIO students put on performances for the carnival and also sold items from the PIO shop. All profits from the day went to support. PIO. We are grateful to Maybank Cambodia for all they have done for PIO.

Malaysian Ambassador Visit



On that day PIO was honored to welcome His Excellency Dato Sri Salem Malek, Malaysian Ambassador to Cambodia and Madame Cynthia Liaw, CEO of Maybank in Cambodia to our school. The occasion was a handing over of monetary donation and donations in-kind from their Love Carnival on Maybank's Global Corporate Responsibility CR day held on the 19th of August. There were speeches from PIO staff, students and our honored guests as well as performances by PIO students. It was a memorable occasion.

PIO Speech Contest



Throughout September the school held English and Khmer speech contests for students in Grades 6,7 and 8. For the Khmer speech contest the topic was “Youth and Leadership”. The students worked in teams to prepare their presentations. For the English competition there were 90 students presenting speeches on a topic of their own choice. The speech competitions are designed to build student confidence and the ability to express themselves in Khmer and English.

Pchum Ben- Staff and Students



Pchum Ben is a 15 day Cambodian religious festival. It culminates in celebrations at the end of the festival when people go to the pagoda to pray to their ancestors and offer food to the monks. This year a group of PIO students and teachers travelled to the pagoda. The students first prepared food and then shared food together at the monastery.. <http://peopleimprovement.org/videos>

PIO Farewell Party



At the end of the school year we had a party at PIO. The students put on performance of singing, dancing and comedy to entertain the children. They showed some amazing talent as they performed. Everyone enjoyed the party. They thought it was the best ever! We look forward to doing it again in 2018.

Opening New Academic and Students' Achievement Ceremony



In October PIO held the Success of Students celebration, for students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in class. The ceremony began with speeches by students and the founder of PIO, Ms Phymean Noun. At the celebration a number of parents spoke, saying how much they appreciated the way that PIO had helped their children gain an education. At the end of celebration, all guests enjoyed the singing and comedy performance by the PIO students.

CIS Teachers Visit



In October we were honored to have teachers visit from the Canadian International School of Singapore (CIS) which has partnered with PIO for over 12 years. CIS teachers donated supplies uniforms and funds and spent time with the kids providing art activities for Grade 1 and 2 classes. The group also met with our staff and discussed ways in which they could help develop English teaching resources at PIO. The visit concluded with a speech from PIO representatives student, and a drama performance by PIO school students, It was a most enjoyable day. And we would look forward to the next visit from CIS.

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