



Miss. Chhay Chansopheaktra was born on September 09, 1989 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She is currently a junior student at **Royal University of Law and Economics**, majoring in Law. Beside her major in the faculty of law, she studies English at Australian Centre for Education (ACE) in Diploma Course. She is also working as a **Program Assistant** in part-time for Youth Council of Cambodia (YCC). In the field of responsibility, she assists Program Officer to organize trainings for building capacity of YCC program staff and youth networks, supported by National Council of Swedish Youth Organization (LSU).

She has been working for YCC for about one year, started at the end of 2007. Sopheaktra is also a member of **United Nations Youth Advisory Panel** in Cambodia in which she represents YCC. This initiative is the UN mechanism to involve the voice of youth and young people in making their action plan process and to work directly with United Nation Country Team in Cambodia to

bring up youth voice and their concerns to the UNCT and across UN system to take into consideration and take action for youth development in Cambodia. The ten members of this group are from different youth organizations that are actively operating their works in Cambodia.

Recently, Sopheaktra has been selected to study in the United States for about five weeks in the program called, '**Study of the United States Institute for Student Leaders**'. This is the intensive course established for international students to exchange their mutual understanding as well as learning about leadership style of the United States. In May 2008, Sopheaktra has been assigned by Youth Council of Cambodia to participate in **Asian Gale Partner Network Meeting**, Stockholm, as well as a conference on "**Climate Change Youth Perspective on Security, Peace, and Democracy**", Orebro, Sweden. In late 2007, she was also assigned by YCC to join the meeting in the Philippines, especially having a chance to participate in a conference of **Asia-Europe Youth for Sustainable Development** in Oriental Mindoro, the Philippines where she had a lot of chances to learn from the conference and exchange knowledge and culture with many people from various countries belong to Asia and Europe.

Sopheaktra used to be one of the two finalists of **Youth Leadership Challenge Program** in Season II organized by Youth Council of Cambodia (YCC), supported by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through International Republican Institute (IRI). The program is designed to enhance leadership among youth and young people in Cambodia who wish to show their talent and capacity to publics and society. Although Sopheaktra could not become the champion of this program, but at least she gained a lot of experiences and knowledge from the program.

Since she has involved in social work, Sopheaktra went through some trainings such as *Leadership, Project Management, Grass Root Advocacy, Gender Awareness*, and participated in some conference regarding to *Youth and Volunteerism, Community Development, Youth Perspective toward National Youth Policy, and Climate Change*. In addition, she used to join radio called show on '**Youth Participation against Corruption, and Youth Perspective on the flow of Foreign Culture**'.

In her spare time, she likes surfing the internet to search useful information from different sources or spend time responding e-mails to friends, and colleagues. Beyond that, she loves to get involved in social works and participate in every activity which can contribute some benefits to her society and community. She likes traveling to everywhere around the globe and learn about new things. In the future she wants to be a Diplomat who works mainly with people around the world to mobilize them to join development and peace building activities.