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## Press Release

### OYG Cultivates Leaders of Future Generations

The Outstanding Youth Group of Cambodia (OYG) launches its Youth Capacity Development Program (YCDP) on February 21, 2009 at the United Nations' Conference Room. The launch marks the beginning of a series of training sessions that are designed to enhance the capacity of the youth to be leaders of future generations by equipping them with important and necessary leadership and management skills that are outside of their regular school or university curriculums.

The subjects provided by YCDP include leadership skills, personal empowerment "operacy" public speaking and debating skills, negotiation and lobbying skills, democratic governance and social accountability, general management, ethic and moral studies, etc. For more information about YCDP, please see attached file.

Reputable resource persons who are practitioners, advocates and leaders from development agencies, international and local organizations, private sectors and from education institutions have been assembled to share their knowledge and experience as well as providing their mentorship to their younger generation through this program.

*"I think the young generation in Cambodia needs to have mentors and role models in order to help maximize their successes in their personal and professional careers".* Said Mr. Preap Kol, the Board of Advisor to OYG. *"It is very fascinating to see that OYG has assembled both the youth who are hungry for knowledge and mentorship and the older intellectuals who are more than willing to satisfy their hunger at no cost. I believe we are doing the right thing for the future of Cambodia",* added Mr. Preap Kol.

Representing Peace Corps and the US Ambassador in the event, Mr. Jon Darrah Country Director of Peace Corps in Cambodia said *"I think that as you move ahead with your program it is vital that you concentrate on those subjects that are important in your own cultural and historical context"* *"best solutions to the Cambodian problems must come from you all as Cambodians"* **added Mr. Darrah**

Also joining as a guest speaker, Mr. Teruo Jinnai, Representative of UNESCO in Cambodia said *"youth are our future and our present partners for sustainable socio-cultural and national development"*

*"I am very pleased to see that the YCDP begins. I am aware that youth should be part of the solutions and not part of the problems. So I know that I have the value and power to develop my society"* said Miss. Srun Sovann, one of the participants of YCDP.

One of the resource persons for the YCDP, Mr. Christopher Lee said *"I am of the firmest conviction that the ultimate aim of youth capacity development program should be to empower young men and women to transform their beloved nation into a peaceful and prosperous society. In this light, capacity is defined as the power to perceive and act on the situation in such a way as to enable development, self-regulation and expansion to take place. Their highest mission is to create other transformational leaders for Cambodia.*

OYG was founded on April 06, 2008 by a group of dynamic young people who wish to promote friendship and solidarity among all walks of life so that we all can work together for a better society. For more information about OYG please visit our website at [www.oyscambodia.org](http://www.oyscambodia.org)

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