



The Scholarship

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Letter from the President: Success Stories

Dear friends and supporters,
I have very uplifting news to share with all of you. Our small seeds of investment in education have yielded good returns. We have helped hundreds of students since the launch of our CEE Foundation in 2007. Seventeen bright and promising students emerge as the class of 2010. The Cambodian Education Excellence Foundation Scholarships have enabled recipients to experience opportunities that were never before deemed possible.

We are sure that these blossoms will soon bear fruits, not just for their own bright future, but for the future of their families and society. They will be invaluable resources to the country.

The 17 graduates are from different fields of study including IT, education, engineering, laws, economics, and accounting. Three graduates are pursuing higher degrees outside Cambodia and the others are mostly employed. See *Class of 2010* on page 2 for details.

The successful scholarship programs, as well as other projects, have brought more encouragement and satisfaction that inspire us to contemplate an innovative and exciting concept, a Computer Learning Center. This will be a joint project with equal share of responsibilities between the CEE Foundation and our compatriots inside Cambodia. The Computer Learning Center will be managed by the students for the benefits of the students. Also, in partnership with the Khmer Joomla organization, we will create human resources in IT by training Cambodians on how to build and host websites, improve the Khmer Fonts, and create an e-learning and e-library. The training will be free to students.

I appreciate your dedicated commitment and continued support to the CEE Foundation. With your help, we will be able to provide Cambodian students with a good and solid foundation that enable them to become the future builders of a bright and prosperous Cambodia. Thank you all so much!

Samrang Kchao, M.D.
President, CEE Foundation

Briefs

► The scholarship applications for school year 2010-2011 are being accepted. The deadline is November 15, 2010. Visit www.ceefoundation.org for details.

► CEE Foundation Education Night, the third Annual Halloween Fundraiser, will be held on Friday October 29, 2010, at Harvest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church, Virginia. For details, visit: www.ceefoundation.org/Publications_files/20101029_EN-VA.pdf

► A new initiative is being conceptualized by CEE Foundation in collaboration with [Khmers inside Cambodia](#) — the Computer Learning Center which has the following goals:

1. Facilitate access to workforce by providing students with opportunities to work part-time while pursuing higher education.
2. Promote a spirit of personal responsibility and ownership.
3. Promote new approach of sharing and helping each other.
4. Expand the networking of CEE Foundation scholarship recipients with other students.
5. Provide sound quality of basic computer skills with minimal cost.
6. Promote a free access to e-book and e-school curriculum.
7. Facilitate access to the internet.

► August 28, 2010: Inauguration of a Computer Lab at Russey Chroy school, Kandal.



Student Meeting at ITC—9/28/2010

- Update on new scholarship application process.
- Set up a group of representatives from each university for better communication among students.
- Agreed to share idea/work for the future computer learning center.
- Will have a regular meeting every two months.

Congratulations Class of 2010 Graduates!

CEE Foundation is proud to present our 17 scholarship recipients who graduated in 2010. The graduates are from different fields of study including IT, education, engineering, laws, economics, and accounting. Most of the graduates are now employed, and three are pursuing higher degrees outside Cambodia:



Liv Yee, graduated from Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC), is now at University of Boras, Sweden, for an Industrial Business Engineering degree.



But Chann-sophea, graduated from Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE), is now at Agnes Scott College in Georgia, U.S.A.



Meas Mardi, graduated from Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP), is now at Hanoi Architectural University, Vietnam, for her Masters degree.

The other 14 graduates are as follows:



Buoy Pisal, graduated from RUPP, is working as a software developer at 7 Technology Groups.



Eng Sonita, graduated from RUPP, is a lecturer and assistant researcher in the Department of

Tourism at Royal University of Phnom Penh.



Son Hien, graduated from Build Bright University, is an Assistant Director-General for Global Gold

and Forex Investment Consultant Co., Ltd.



Hok Siem, graduated from RULE, is looking for scholarship to study abroad.



Pao Kim-thang, graduated from RULE, is a part-time English teacher at Sachak Asia

Development Institute (SADI).



Khuon Khemry, graduated from RUPP, is working as a staff volunteer at IT Center, Royal University of Phnom Penh.



Chhang Sophy, graduated from ITC, is working as a Cost Controller at Hanil Engineering and Construction

Co.,Ltd.



Heng Sokea, graduated from RULE, is working as a clerk at Vattanac Bank.

A First Step . . .

By Samrang Kchao

It all began in 2009 with a phone call that led to an informal meeting at Serey Mao's residence in Newtown, PA. Here, five of us gathered together: Ms. Noreen Neal, a Cambodian high school student along with her parents, Mr. Serey Mao and I, were all committed to providing students with an educational tool and a window to the world. We decided to provide an eco-friendly computer lab located at Russey Chroy School, Kandal, in Mr. Serey Mao's hometown. This is the third computer lab established by the CEE Foundation. We hoped that this effort will help to continue to close the gap that currently exists between rural Cambodians and the rest of the world.

With support from friends, family members, through both direct donation and a fundraiser led by Ms. Noreen Neal on February 27, 2010 in Philadelphia, our project has been able to grow. This allowed us to purchase: ten energy-efficient PC desktops, one laser printer and one copy/fax machine.

With the help of Mr. Kranit Ke, a CEE Foundation scholarship recipient and several of his friends in Phnom Penh, we were able to install all equipment. On August 28, 2010, we held an opening ceremony to mark the beginning of this new and expanding project. Attending the ceremony were: our Board members Mr. Chip Tan and Mr. Sopheap Ley, and Mr. Norith Pou, a supporter from Oregon, USA.

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Thaug Bophana, graduated from ITC, is working at Pharma Product Manufacturing as a

Laboratory Engineer in the department of quality control in chemistry for pharmaceutical products.



Iv Sovanpidor, graduated from RULE, is working as an assistant accountant at Kingdom Breweries Cambodia Limited.



Keo Monyroth, graduated from Rule in accounting.



Chey Keodina, graduated from RUPP in computer sciences.



Khy Oudom, graduated from ITC, is working as a Database Developer of

Marie Stopes Organization, and as an IT staff at IT Center of the Royal University of Phnom Penh. He is also pursuing a Masters degree in IT at Royal University of Phnom Penh.



Chiv Sophak, graduated from ITC in rural engineering.

Scholarship Awards 2009-2010

Chart1. Scholarships 2009-2010: Number of Students (106)

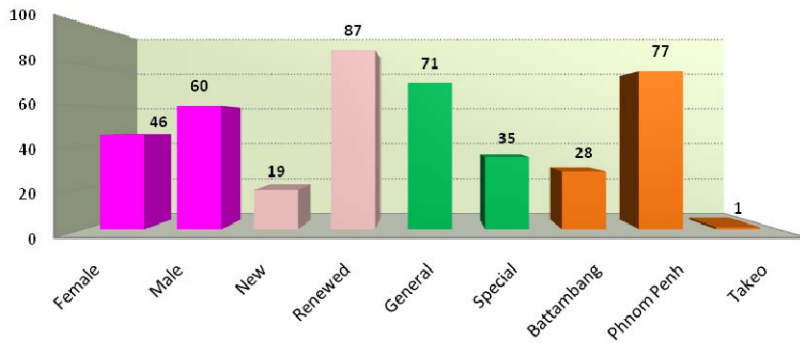


Chart 2. Scholarships 2009-2010: Total Disbursements (\$22,850)

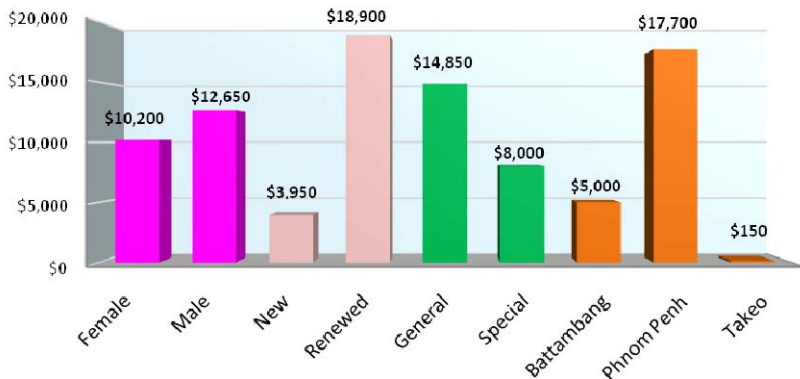


Chart 3. Scholarships 2009-2010: Number of Students by Year of Study

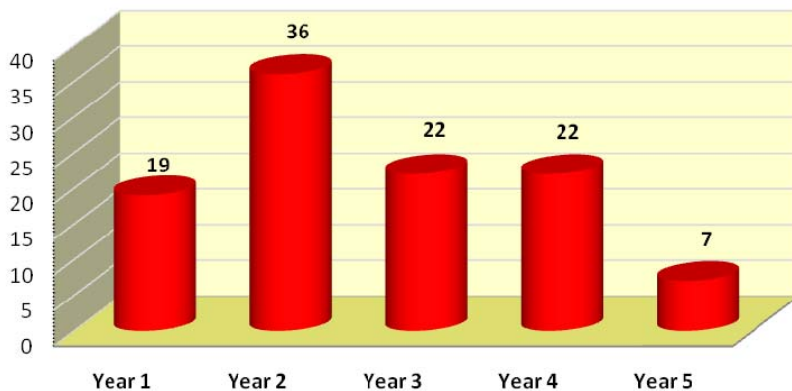
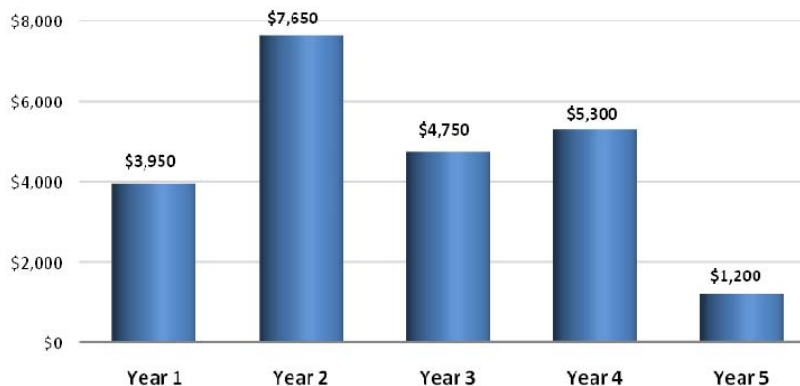


Chart 4. Scholarships 2009-2010: Total Disbursements by Year of Study



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Our goal to provide Cambodians with the opportunity to see the world through the click of a mouse has almost been reached. We now must take the second step towards allowing Cambodians of this town to be able to obtain the endless sources of information by helping them gain access to the internet.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Serey Mao and Ms. Noreen Neal. Without all their hard work and dedication to this important cause we would not have begun this first step.



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Dear friends,

The main goal of the CEE Foundation is to provide encouragement, opportunity, and access to higher education to poor but deserving Cambodian students who have demonstrated academic excellence, moral character, integrity, and career objectives. Your contribution and support over the years have paid us extraordinary dividends. Some of the students have already accomplished a great step of their educational dreams.

The CEE Foundation shares the important goal of making a difference, whether it's providing scholarships to hundreds of students, supporting English classes, funding a library and school supply, and providing material and equipment for computer labs. And you all have made this difference! Recently, seventeen CEE Foundation scholarship recipients have graduated (See *Class of 2010* on page 2). These graduates may not have been here if your help were not available. We thank you for making this possible and for your financial support during the past years. We are counting on your continued commitment and generosity in 2011 and beyond. This will help to provide funding for: (i) the 2010-2011 scholarship programs; (ii) the school library at Phoum Svay school in Banteay Meanchey; (iii) the English classes in Battambang; (iv) the Khmer Joomla organization; (v) the Computer Learning Center; and (vi) the internet access at Russey Chroy computer lab.

The CEE Foundation strongly believes in an "Education Opportunity for All" and is committed to providing financial resources to help Cambodian youths achieve a better education.

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Chea Smarn School

— By Dave Khuon

A group of families and friends of the CEE Foundation is assisting Chea Smarn School, a hybrid of elementary and junior high rural school serving five neighboring villages. The group, believing that Cambodia's education excellence begins in rural villages where young students are eager to learn to enrich themselves, has provided the school with supplies for students and books for the library.



Chea Smarn School is about 25 km southwest of the provincial capital of Siemreap. It is at the south end of the Bakong district, which is famous for its pre-Angkorian (group Roluos) temples. The school has so little resources yet undertakes big responsibilities. It serves 650 students with just 10 fulltime teachers and 8 classrooms housed in a

facility with only two toilets and two exit doors. The lack of facilities, compounded with the yearly flooding from the Tonle-Sap Lake, causes a severe sanitation issue. The scarcity of education materials limits the students' ability to learn. Most students are so poor that some cannot even afford pencils and paper.

We began our activities by concentrating in two areas: (1) providing basic school supplies, such as, pencils and paper and second-hand school clothes to the neediest, and (2) equipping the library with educational materials, such as CDs, DVD/TV, and books. These essentials also promote an environment for developing language skills in Khmer, English, French, etc. The students can use these skills immediately with the tourists since Chea Smarn is close to the major tourism centers in Siemreap.

Our future plan includes (1) building more classrooms with electricity, (2) providing more books in agriculture, math, sciences, and social studies, (3) supporting area field trips, and (4) developing off-site mentoring. We will also equip the school with computers and network/internet for access to the outside world.

It is a CEE Foundation goal to promote students with good habits of self-motivation and a thirst for knowledge. We will encourage parents to get more involved with their children education. We will also attempt to form partnerships among the schools and institutions of higher education in the area. This will ensure a sustainable program for Chea Smarn School, which will result in better serving the students and communities, thus, moving the country forward.



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