



Japan-Cambodia Kizuna Festival 2012

The Embassy of Japan hosted the first Japan- Cambodia Kizuna Festival from February 16 to 19, 2012, in cooperation with the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC).

The Opening Ceremony of the festival took place on Thursday, February 16 at 18:00 at the Angkor-Kizuna Hall of CJCC, with the presence of H.E. Dr. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in Charge of the Office of Council of Ministers, Preah Reach Butrei Preah Ream Norodom Buppha Devi, H.E. Mr. Var Kim Hong, Senior Minister in Charge of Border Affairs and H.E. Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism. The distinguish guests from the Royal Government of Cambodia, diplomatic missions, International Organizations and the Japanese society also attended. The opening ceremony is highlighted by an inspiring music performance by AUN and HIDE, a renowned unit of traditional Japanese musical instruments in collaboration with Cambodian musicians.



Remark by H.E. Dr. Sok An



Guests of Honor

Another highlight of the festival is the Premier Roadshow of a Japanese movie titled “WE CAN NOT CHANGE THE WORLD. But we wanna build a school in Cambodia”. The movie is based on a real experience of a Japanese student who actually built a school in Cambodia. The movie featuring major Japanese actor Mr. Osamu MUKAI, Goodwill Ambassador between Japan and Cambodia, was screened on Friday, February 17 at 18:00 at the Angkor Kizuna Hall, with the presence of H.E Mr. Im Sethy, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports together with more than 450 people.

“RAM WIRE”, a Japanese POP group gave a powerful concert in the evening on Saturday, February 18. Many popular songs including “Ayumi” which was chosen as the theme song of the movie, “We Can’t Change the World” as well as the theme of the Kizuna Festival, were performed before the large audience.

The festival featured more events such as Karate-do and Kendo demonstrations, Japanese cinema show, Honda YES Awards Ceremony, Japanese Speech Contest, various lectures by

Japanese scholars, flower arrangement, Origami, Mochitsuki, Science Show and so on. Information session on study in Japan and a Job Fair by Japanese companies were also arranged during the festival, together with various exhibitions such as hidden Japan (natural beauty of Japan), Great East Japan Earthquake, Angkor Preservation, handicraft and art works by Cambodian Artists.



Joint Performance with Khmer Musicians



Performance by AUN and HIDE



Kendo Demonstration



Karate Demonstration



Origami Class



Mochitsuki and Ambok