

# **Asian International Children Film and Video Festival**

## **Cambodia Preliminary In-country Contest**

### **(August 16, 2012, at CJCC)**

The Cambodia Preliminary In-country Contest for the Asian International Children's Film and Video Festival was held on August 20, 2012 at the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC). Three movies were selected for the final round of the festival in Japan. H.E. Mr. In THE, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports participated in the event as a judge.

This preliminary contest was organized by the Embassy of Japan in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the CJCC. The theme this year was "The Meaning of Life". Thirty six movies were submitted by high school students in and around Phnom Penh, from which 16 were pre-selected and screened at the contest. At the end of the contest, 3 pieces were selected by the jury, chaired by Mr. Yoshihiro Higuchi, Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia. All the participants including their friends and their teachers were jubilant over the screening of their films. And 9 students of 3 winning groups were received trophies and certificates with cheers at the awarding ceremony.



The Asian International Children Film and Video Festival started in 2007 at Ibusuki City, Kagoshima Prefecture in Japan. Since then, it has been organized every year in Japan. Since 2009, students in Mekong region countries (Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Myanmar) have been invited to the festival. The 9 students of 3 winning groups of this in-country Contest will be invited to Japan under the Kizuna Program offered by the Government of Japan, along with students from Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, China, South Korea, Taiwan,

Malaysia, Mongolia and Japan, to participate in the final round of the Festival to be held in Minami-awaji City, Hyogo prefecture in Japan on November, 2012.

Through the experience of previous years, it is hoped that Cambodian students will be successful in this year's Festival and will build friendship with participants from other countries, as well as getting knowledge about Japanese and the other countries' culture.

- **Jury members**

- 1- H.E. Mr. In The, Under Secretary of State, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
- 2- Mr. Yoshihiro Higuchi, Minister, the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia
- 3- Mr. Koem Oeurn, Director, the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center
- 4- Mr. Ear Chary, Secretary General, the Japan Alumni of Cambodia
- 5- Cheap Sovichea, Director of the Cambodian Film Commission
- 6- Ms. Junko Kanehiro, Representative of TVK and JICA Senior Volunteer

- **3 films selected for the final round of the Asian International Children Film and Video Festival**

No.	High School	Name of Student	Title of Movies
1	Wath Koh High School	Mr. HENG SOPHANITH	Happiness of Life
		Mr. HENG LEANG	
		Mr. CHHORN BANNDOL	
2	Toul Tompoung High School	Ms. SOM BORMEY	The Meaning of Life
		Ms. HENG SOMPHOSPHEAK	
		Mr. BO SYLY	
3	Hun Sen Serei Pheap High School	Mr. THO CHANDARARITH	Life
		Ms. DY SUN LEANG	
		Ms. CHEA GECH HEANG	