



**Press Release**  
**Asian International Children's Film Festival 2016**

**Preliminary in-country contest in Cambodia**

**12 September, 2016**

The preliminary in-country contest in Cambodia for the “Asian International Children's Film Festival 2016” was successfully held on 12 September, 2016 at the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC).

This preliminary contest was organized by the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and the CJCC. The theme of this year was **“My hateful thing”**. 46 films were submitted by high school students in Cambodia, and 16 films were pre-selected and screened at the contest.

The Festival was started in Japan in 2007, and since then it has been organized every year. Cambodian students have been invited to the Festival since 2009. This year, 9 Students of the 3 winning groups will be invited to Japan under the JENESYS “Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths” 2016 Program, along with students from 10 ASEAN countries (Cambodia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Laos, Myanmar, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia), East Timor, China, South Korea, Mongolia, and Chinese Taipei, and Japan. They will participate in the final round of the Festival in Kitami City, Hokkaido, Japan on November 26, 2016.



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We hope that the Cambodian students will be successful in the Festival and will enjoy building friendship with other participants.

**The 3 selected films to be submitted for the final round of Asian International Children's Film Festival 2016 are as follows:**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Name of Student</b>	<b>Film Titles</b>	<b>High School</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Veal Chanraksmeay Phann Sopheaktra Sreng Mengzeang	The Scar	Beltei Institute
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chon Chanpisey Khay Kimchhun Te Mouyleng	Remorse	Chbar Ampov High School
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chek Vyrak Bin Chaknik Piseth Mealtey	Nobody Care	Cambodia Adventist School