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**Asian International Children's Film Festival 2017
Preliminary In-Country Contest in Cambodia**

The Preliminary In-Country Contest in Cambodia for the “Asian International Children’s Film Festival 2017” was successfully held on 15 September, 2017 at the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC).

This preliminary contest was organized by the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia in cooperation with Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and CJCC. The theme of this year was “**School Teacher**”. 28 films were submitted by students of 12 high schools in Cambodia, and 15 films were pre-selected and screened at the contest.

The Festival 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 from Cambodia (see below) will be invited to Japan under the JENESYS “Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths” 2017 program, along with students from Japan, 10 ASEAN countries, Timor-Leste, China, Chinese Taipei, Mongolia and the Republic of Korea. They will participate in the final round of the Festival in Kitami City, Hokkaido, Japan on 25 November 2017.

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

The 3 selected films to be submitted for the final round of Asian International Children's Film Festival 2017 are as follows:

| Prize | Name of Students | Film Titles | Name of High Schools |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st | Sok Pichmonineath | Same mother, different wombs | CAMBODIA ADVENTIST SCHOOL |
| | Rith Sereyvattanak | | |
| | Khat Sodavan | | |
| 2 nd | Chhorn Chandarasavvin | My second parents | TUOL TOMPOUNG |
| | Chuon Panhabotr | | |
| | Seak Sreyleang | | |
| 3 rd | Sokhoeun Rathvireaksith | Liar | PREAH SISOWATH |
| | Meung Chansomanita | | |
| | Mam Sanora | | |



Group Photo taken with judges