



DON BOSCO CHILDREN FUND CAMBODIA HIGHLIGHTED

“Helping Children to keep in the track
of their DREAM”

Objectives of the newsletter

*To share life and activities to KNOW each other better
To inform each other to GROW together*

Don Bosco Children Fund Sihanoukville



8, April we celebrated Khmer New year with all staff and students, after which we had a two-week vacation. The day was filled with lots of games and festive lunch. The highlight of the celebrations were students singing and dancing, having a good time.

13-15 May, 2022, Congratulation to hospitality students of Don Bosco Hotel School who got its 3rd place in the cooking food and beverage competition during the exhibition on tourism in Sihanoukville



Thank you to the Don Bocos culinary students and staff who participated in the Sihanoukville Beach Cooking Competition. Congratulations to Don Bosco students on winning the Khmer Food Cooking and Exhibition from Sihanoukville Provincial Board of Governors



On 16th – 17th May, 2022 The meeting of all the staff of Don Bosco Children Fund in Cambodia was held at Don Bosco Hotel School in Sihanoukville. The following were present teachers Mr. Sophearun, Mrs. Muoykea, (Phnom Penh), Mrs. Chanmey and Ms. Sokheng (Sihanoukville), Ms. Ryma, Fr. Michael (Poipet), Ms. Sokun, Mr. Sopheatra, Mr. Vy (Kep), Mrs. Sareth (Battambang), and Father Roel the delegate of Don Bosco in Cambodia. The meeting was a time to get to know all the staff and to update ourselves with common policies and guidelines.





Meeting began with a hymn in honor of Don Bosco

- Father Eugene, the Rector of Don Bosco Sihanoukville welcomed the gathering. He stressed that we all have to walk with the young and the apostolate of Don Bosco has to continue even when we have so few Salesian priests and brothers in Cambodia.
- Brother Roberto the outgoing director addressed the gathering. He recalled that Don Bosco Children Fund (DBCF) in Cambodia was established by Fr. John Visser on 24th May 1992. The aim of DBCF in Cambodia is to educate poor students to finish their primary and secondary schooling. It is time now that Khmer should help Khmer. He also stressed that to achieve efficiency we must make good use of technology. Use the phone to have a rapport with the students, their teachers and their parents. Brother Roberto then recalled that father Fr. Visser, it was Fr. Leo who handed over the direction of DBCF to him and now he hands the baton forward to Fr. Michael Gaikwad the new director of DBCF.
- Father Michael addressed the gathering saying that he accepts the new responsibility of being the director of DBCF. He said that we are all called by Mother Mary and to work in DBCF is an opportunity to serve.

- The staff introduced themselves
- Fr. Roel then gave an input session. He spoke about the NGO law of 2017 that says that no NGO is allowed to collect money from the students. Therefore, we have to work towards self-sustainability. Our priority is to help the poor. We need to determine the right criteria to access who is really poor. We have to focus on helping those that in our schools. We must work on formation towards good citizens and we must stop the approach of complete free education. We have to invite the parents to donate towards the education of their children. There has to be a shift in charity module. It is a time to invite the past pupils to help us educate the children. We need to look for local benefactors. There is a need for yearly budget and yearly report.
- The staff had a session to reply to the questions that were sent to them by Fr. Michael. Priority of DBCF based on the Plan of the Delegation Council since 2017
This is the first meeting and we all have a good learning experience.

24, May 2022, we were blessed by the presence of Fr. Nguyen Think Phuoc Joseph, Regional Councilor for East Asia – Oceania to Don Bosco Technical School Sihanoukville during the special occasion of the feast day of Mary Help of Christians. Father Joseph reminded us - We are a part of a big family of Don Bosco, no matter where we are, how small or big we are and how different in our culture but we have something in common is Don Bosco spirit as well as our mother Mary.

His visit is a great honor and motivation for all of us both young people and teachers in Sihanoukville. As a sons and daughters of Don Bosco, we will follow the spirit of Don Bosco to become a good citizen in our society.



24th June, 2022 Don Bosco Sihanoukville have blessed by the visit of father provincial after more than 2 years because of Covid19 which prevented us from seeing each other. We welcomed Fr.Thepherat with the beautiful Khmer traditional dances performed by our technical students as well as the Children Home group.

During this special occasion, Fr. Thepherat encourage all of us to bring out and nurture goodness in oneself and come together for the better development of our society. Cambodia, Thailand and Lao, we are brothers and share a lot of things in common especially we could see the similarity in our traditional dances and I feel like I am in Thailand, he added.

After about 1 hour of the welcoming ceremony, father conduct the meeting with the Salesians community members, Fr. Eugene, Br. Roberto, Br. Martin as well as Br. Sarong. Then in the afternoon he continues meeting with the Don Bosco Sihanoukville teachers and staff. Thank a lot to Fr.Thepherat for his visit and motivation.



Don Bosco Children Fund Battambang



Khmer New Year

Cambodian New Year, in Khmer it is called 'Chaul Chnam Thmey', is held in April each year.

As the most important celebration in the Cambodian calendar, *Chaul Chnam Thmey* is seen as a time to celebrate, feast on food and relax into laidback provincial life. Cities and towns across the country empty out as locals make the annual pilgrimage home to celebrate the new year with their families. Spread across three days – although most Cambodians take the full week off – this is a time when locals celebrate the end of harvest season and the start of a new year. The dates vary from year-to-year, with 2022's event running from 14 to 16 April.

Like most New Year holidays, Khmer New Year is full of tradition and rituals. The three days of celebration each have their own name and associated traditions:

First Day – Moha Songkran

This is the first day, when it is believed a new god or angel is appointed to offer protection for the year ahead. To welcome the ethereal being, people clean and decorate their houses, and wear new clothes. Offerings of fruits, incense, lotus flowers and drinks – often cans of Coca Cola and even beer – are also left at the spirit houses that guard entrances.

Second Day – Vanabot

Also known as Virak Wanabat, the second day of Khmer New Year is a time to think of the less fortunate. People offer charity by helping the poor, servants and homeless. Visits are made to the pagoda to give offerings and attend ceremonies dedicated to deceased ancestors, and it is also a time for family members to exchange gifts.

Third Day – Tanai Leang Saka

This is the main celebration of Cambodian New Year and means new beginning. Monks are visited in the morning for blessings. Another tradition is that children wash and bathe their parents and grandparents in return for blessing and good advice for the future. This is followed by colorful celebrations in the afternoon, which often spill into the night.

Surseday Chnam Thmey! (Literal translation: Happy Year New!)



April 5, 2022; students at Don Bosco Andaung Chenh play games, and there's real sense of festivity in the air.

Khmer New Year Fun



April 8; excited Salabalath students armed with fresh homemade picnic staple.

Mango Season

At Don Bosco Agro-Vocational Training Center Battambang and Don Bosco Banan plantation Battambang, mangos are commercially cultivated for the market while reserved some for students' consumption. Cambodian mangos are among the best in the world; great aroma, milky sweet and delicious!



Natural mangos at Salabalath Agro-Vocational Training Center.

Sharing the richness of Don Bosco mangos; balanced sweet flavor, smooth texture and low fibers.

And it's not just about the taste! Mangos are ranked as one of the healthiest fruits in the world. They are low in calories but full of nutrients. Only one cup (approximately 246g) of sliced mango contains 100% of the RDI of Vitamin C. Studies have also shown that mangos have high anti-inflammatory and



Preparing 477 mangos (193 kg) with spicy sugar (salt, chili, seasoning, sugar).



May 10, 2022



Nothing beats a mango that has just been cut off the tree!

Principles and steps of DBCF home visits

- ❖ One of the most important aspects of home visits is that they give us a glimpse into the lives of the children the sponsors support. They offer a perspective on each individual family's struggles, what they are lacking, and what they find to be the most difficult challenges in their lives.
- ❖ Home visit practice is rendered by our social worker who visit DBCF students in their own home to assess the home, environment, and family condition in order to provide appropriate (healthcare) needs and social support.
- ❖ Home visiting provides opportunity to make direct observation on living conditions, home environment, family structure, familial roles and relationships, etc. If we suspect a child might be at risk of harm, we have to look into the child's situation and take steps to keep them safe.
- ❖ A home visit must have a purpose or objective. Planning for a home visit should make use of all available information about the student and his/her family through family records, school records and DBCF records.
- ❖ A home visit is also a way to bridge the gap between school and home for students, families, and teachers. Don Bosco Children Fund points to the importance of parents supporting their children's learning in school as well as in the home.
- ❖ The foundation of the DBCF home visit program rests on the desire to increase student academic achievement, increase parent involvement, and motivate students to demonstrate more positive behavior in the classroom.



Home visits April - May - June 2022; an invaluable asset in Don Bosco Children Fund work.

Don Bosco Children Fund Phnom Penh

On 06th April, 2022 Pictures of some activities of the color sports program on April 6, 2022. Run and jump, but do not sin.



We Celebrated the feast day of Don Bosco by conducting Color Sports. The spirit of Father Bosco has always been with young people of all generations. Thanks also to our past pupil for sponsoring this event. The color sports festival symbolizes unity, discipline, struggle, joy and dignity.

On 08th April, 2022 Today, Don Bosco Technical School in Phnom Penh successfully celebrated Don Bosco Mass, Thanksgiving and Sanctuary, in which the management did not allow young people to play with water or flour to maintain the dignity of society with the Royal Government.



June 15th, 2022 Don Bosco Technical School in Phnom Penh and Don Bosco in Kep Province participated in the TVET DAY celebration at Koh Pich Exhibition Hall.



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On 16-18 May, 2022 the first-year student workshop on mechanics and car repair is completed "Love short, cut love long" 1. If you understand that it is a good deed or good habit to continue to do 2. If we think it is a habit or a bad deed, we must give up. If there is any useful action or knowledge that we have not yet done, we should start from time to time.



On 13th of June 2022, teacher Meak Sambo meeting children fund students at Sotip and Doun Dom in Kompong Cham province. This is how volunteers participate and involve with our students, to check with them how their studies, family situations, and so on...



On 15 of June, 2022, we our team, Don Bosco Children Fund Phnom Penh started called our students who live nearby our school to come and drawing Charisma's letter and take photos.



Don Bosco Children Fund Kep

On April 17, at Don Bosco Technical School, DBCF team threw a party to celebrate and welcome the Khmer New Year. The team organized fun games to cheer up the students and teachers.



Thanksgiving's day

On April 8 we celebrated Thanksgiving's Day in which students, students' parents, teachers and staff actively participated in and they expressed their gratitude to each other for their love, support, care, education and teaching that they have been experiencing.



Mother Mary's feast celebration welcome Fr. Joseph



Welcome students from Panhasastra private school

On 27th may 2022 Boeung Keng Kang International School of Pannasastra had a study visited to Don Bosco Technical School in Kep and have support our children and youth with the donation of 10 sacks of rice, 5 boxes of fresh water, 10 boxes of noodle, 5 boxes of canned fish, and some material for study such as books, pens etc..



Our teacher of children fund attended the meeting at the public school and the certificate for 3 children

On 13,17 June Teacher Tim Chhuy has attended the meeting at the public school of our children about environment, the study of the children and especially for to get the certificate of 3 children who archived the first rank in the class. (Mrs. Hoem Sreyka grade 10, Mrs. Siek Pisey grade 8, and Mr. Chheng Sovannrith grade 8). We also prepared a gift for them for to encourage them and express the congratulations for their effort in their study.



Sun children's program and their some activities at Don Bosco

Free time from their studies at the public school the children have their programs in Don Bosco such as learning English, learning computer, cleaning the house, agriculture, playing sports, learning about art like dancing, singing, drawing, and moral education meetings with the teachers, etc.



Welcome father depharat to Don Bosco Kep

On June 26, we welcome Fr. John Bosco Thepharat Pitisant

Salesian Provincial of Thailand, Cambodia and Laos visited Don Bosco Children Fund in Kep.



Don Bosco Kep participated in vocational training

On 15, June Don Bosco Technical School Kep and Phnom Penh participated in the first 5 years of technical and vocational training lessons under the theme "TVET Create Higher Employment" organized by the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training at Koh Pich city hall, Phnom Penh City.



Welcome the students and teacher for visited Don Bosco

On 24, June we welcome students and teachers 170 people from General and Technical school of Sombdach Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni Kampong Speu province for visited our Don Bosco about their study tour.



Don Bosco Children Fund Poipet

Starting from 01st April Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, Don Bosco Poipet School Friend ship Football Award Ceremony for the ranked men's and women's football teams. On this auspicious occasion, there was also an invitation to present the football trophy to the first-place winners by father **Yang Jung Sik** (Father Mark) and father **Michael Gaikwad**, the management of Don Bosco School. Poipet.



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, 6th April Senior graduates donated water and drinks on Khmer New Year's Don Bosco Poipet Private General and Technical High School.



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, On April 7 to April school celebrated Khmer new year Sangkran Don Bosco Poipet, thanksgiving with apologies to father and teacher, in which the school organized a party for all students with teachers and staff, and after the party they had a fun dance.



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, On April 26th Welcome Brother Chandara to Don Bosco School, for sharing God's love with teachers, students and the poor youth in Don Bosco Poipet House, and God bless your mission. To succeed in doing His will.



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, On April 26th, Thank you to the philanthropist, Mr. IBrahim, an Indonesian who brought a generous gift to help poor youth and children for his special birthday. In that, he also brought the aid including rice + water to be distributed to 30 young students, 50 kg of rice, 4 bags, 2 duck eggs (10 sticks), 4 boxes of noodles, 36 Canned fish. And a budget of 10,000 baht (ten thousand baht).



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, May 24, 2022 Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a procession of statues of the Virgin Mary in front of the

small church, passing around the statue of father Bosco and towards Hold a cultural hall to celebrate there. Afterwards, there was a Mass led by Father and a traditional dance performance as well as singing hymns in praise of Mary. And during the day there are sports together to create a fun atmosphere during the festival.



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, May 27, 2022 Father, Inspector, Brother, Management Team, Teachers and all the students of Don Bosco Poipet Center welcomed Father Joseph Phuc, the manager of the Salesian family of 19 countries, including Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Cambodia. Laos, Philippines, Japan, China, Korea, Australia ... with smiles and joy



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, Happy International Children's Day and Cambodian Children's Day, June 1, 73rd Anniversary June 01, 2022. Children are the ones who have to take turns to help restore, build and develop Cambodian society.



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, On April 26th Welcome Brother Anthony to Don Bosco School, for sharing God's love with teachers, students and the poor youth in Don Bosco Poipet House, and God bless your mission. To succeed in doing His will.\



Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, On June 10th Seminar Preventive System of DonBosco.The program was attended by Father Michael Gaiward, Brother Anthony and Brother Chandara to share as well as coordinate the entire program, as well as the participation of teachers from all parts of Don Bosco Poipet.

In which Don Bosco School is strong until now due to the position on the three-point defense system: - Knowledge - Love and kindness - Religion

Don Bosco children fund PoiPet, On June 30, 2022, Don Bosco Poipet School warmly welcomed the Thepparat Pi Tisan Father, who came from Thailand, and smiled happily with the primary, secondary and tertiary students of General and Technical High School with a smile and the voice of Father Bosco.

