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Aiming at promoting community radio as a tool for development, peace building and freedom of access to information, in 2007 the Ministry of Information and UNESCO developed a community radio system in Ratanakiri Province. The Ministry's provincial department is currently providing indigenous communities in the Province of Ratanakiri with access to information and is consequently, fostering their empowerment. Within this framework, the BHN Association, a UNESCO Japanese partner, will kindly donate 116 solar battery-powered radio receivers to the indigenous communities through the Department of Information in Ratanakiri where on daily basis, a community radio runs in Kreung, Brao, Tompun and Charay indigenous languages.

A hand-over ceremony, arranged by the Department of Information and the Community Radio members in Ratanakiri in cooperation with the UNESCO Phnom Penh Office, will take place on 6 May 2010 at the Department of Information in Ratanakiri. The ceremony will be attended by H.E. Khieu Kanharith the Minister of Information, the UNESCO Representative in Cambodia, two Representatives from the BHN Associations, as well as by other local government authorities, some organizations working on the field, the civil society, and the indigenous community members.