Cambodian Anti-Plastic Bag Campaign Phnom Penh, 27 November 2015, 7.30 am

Wat Botum, Phnom Penh, 27 November 2015, 7.30 am - On 27 November 2015, the Cambodian Anti-Plastic Bag Campaign will be held in Wat Botum, Phnom Penh.

In order to develop a plastic reducing and recycling habit among Cambodian people, enhance their knowledge of reducing, recycling, reusing plastic waste and stop littering plastic waste on the streets, UNESCO Office in Phnom Penh, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Tourism/National Committee for Clean City Assessment and Union of Youth Federations in Cambodia jointly organize the "Cambodian Anti-Plastic Bag Campaign" supported by Coca-Cola, Sorya Shopping Centre, Bayon Supermarket and Thai Huot Supermarket. This campaign would encourage Cambodians critical thinking on plastic waste reduction and recycling consequently, which is vital for the behaviour change needed to move towards sustainable development.

The specific objectives of the campaign are:

- To raise awareness on plastic reduction and recycling and followed by a behavioural change of the Cambodian people.
- To encourage Cambodian people, in particular youth within the framework of "Youth and Clean City Campaign", to share the idea of plastic waste management with their families.
- To enhance ways to handle plastic waste.
- To create awareness of the different ways of making and using plastic.
- To develop critical thinking skills among the community members.
- To understand the potential and difficulties in recycling plastics.

A celebrating ceremony will take place in Wat Botum, Phnom Penh, with short statements concerning plastic issue in Cambodia by all the partners. There will be a special presentation of a short video feature, "Plastic never dies," produced by UNESCO, Exo Foundation and Phare Ponleu Selpak. Afterwards, a morning mobilization of youth groups would be organized with the main goal of collecting the plastic in some areas in Phnom Penh, in order to raise awareness on plastic waste reduction and recycling. (*Please find the agenda and map of the Event attached to this press release*).

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

FIRST CAMBODIAN ANTI-PLASTIC BAG CAMPAIGN - 27th NOVEMBER 2015

Phnom Penh - Wat Botum

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2015

07.30	Gathering of the participants
7.45	Statement by Ms. Anne Lemaistre, Representative of UNESCO in Cambodia
07.50	$Statement\ by\ H.E.\ Hun\ Many,\ President\ of\ Union\ of\ Youth\ Federations\ in\ Cambodia$
7.55	Statement by H.E. Say Samal, Minister of Environment
00.80	Statement by H.E Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism and Chairman of NCCA
08.05	Screening and Launching of the video clip "Plastic Waste Never Dies"
08.15	Press Conference
08.30	Starting of the plastic collection in three different places (Find below the map)
10.30	Finish of the plastic collection and gathering at Wat Botum for refreshment

Participate in the "Cambodian Anti-Plastic Bag Campaign" for clean and green development in our country!











