

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Science Film Festival 2014 in Cambodia: Future Science**

**15<sup>th</sup> October- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Kampot and Kampong Cham**

Khmer Youth and Social Development Organization (KYSD), in collaboration of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS), supported by the Goethe Institute, Meta House, and UNESCO will organize the 6th Science Film Festival from 15<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> November in Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Kampot and Kampong Cham. Sixteen films from 12 different countries will be screened, which are targeted at children and youth of all ages. This year's theme is "Future Science."

The film festival celebrates science, and shows how science can be communicated in an educational and entertaining manner through audiovisual media. The presented films scientifically explain environmental issues to encourage critical thinking among young Cambodians. All films will be subtitled in Khmer to offer viewers unhindered access to the content.

The festival enjoys a unique position in the ASEAN region and also in other countries all over the world. In 2014, the festival is taking place in Cambodia, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Palestine, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Vietnam from October to December under the theme of "Future Science." Audience figures are expected to exceed 500,000 internationally this year.

The main objective of this festival is to inspire young Cambodians to get excited about science-related subjects and influence their critical thinking on environmental issues for sustainable development.

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