

## 2009 Essay Contest

The essay contest project aims to encourage young Cambodians to think of and care about their communities, and to express their ideas to the public.

Three topics were selected by the essay committee this year, and participants can choose one of the three topics to write and submit to the committee.

### 2009 Essay Topics:

1. What are the grave challenges facing Cambodian youth at present and what can you do as an individual to contribute to addressing those challenges for yourself in particular and for Cambodian society as a whole?
2. If you have a chance to introduce Cambodia to foreigners, what would you like to introduce? Why?
3. If you are given a chance to organize one (or more) project(s) to improve your city/village, what kind of project(s) do you want to organize? And how are you going to do it/them?

### Selection Process:

- 1- Ten best essays will be selected by the essay committee.
- 2- Three winning essays will be chosen from the ten best essays by a final jury through presentation in Phnom Penh on August 30, 2009.

## Rural Primary School Fund Project

The emerging concern in field of aid effectiveness and sustainability proposes new ways of coordinating and handing funding to people who deserve. With this regard, 2009 CSAJ funding distribution is introducing a new method in selecting and providing the funding to the rural primary schools in Cambodia. With support from Japan Alumni of Cambodia (JAC), CSAJ created and distributed funding application form to a number of rural primary schools through CSAJ-JAC coordinators. The application form is a means to select the top priority schools that are facing difficult conditions and tend to make a big change with the contribution provided by CSAJ.

CSAJ believes that the effect of the funding would be lasted for long only if the receivers get involved in decision making and feel the sense of belonging through the project activities. For this reason, CSAJ would like to listen what they (receivers) need and

let them decide what to do by themselves with the support CSAJ can offer. CSAJ is also committed to integrate the local people knowledge and resources to make maximum use of funding raised from our generous individuals and organizations.

Do your part of good whenever you can. It's those parts of good put together that overwhelm the world.

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School with three rooms built by CSAJ and Brastel in 2007

We are looking forwards to having your support.  
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## CAMBODIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION in JAPAN



CSAJ



# CHARITY 2009



“spreading love and joy to make the  
world a better place for all”



Found in December 1994, Cambodian Students Association in Japan (CSAJ) is a non-profit association in the name of Cambodian students' community in Japan. Our main purposes are:

1. to promote communication, cooperation, exchange, mutual respect and mutual assistance among members in different regions inside Japan;
2. to foster cultural, academic, physical and spiritual development of members;
3. to strengthen the relationship between CSAJ members and members of other associations and individuals;
4. to facilitate the implementation of any technical, academic and voluntary financial contribution projects initiated by CSAJ members in the interest of Cambodian students, researchers and other communities inside Cambodia;
5. To strengthen a network of Cambodian human resources for the future.

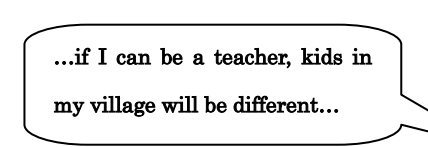
The CSAJ committee consists of a standing committee and an Executive committee. While all members in the two committees work on voluntary basis, all money raised from charity goes directly to help rural poor primary schools and improve the quality of life and education among the young generation in Cambodia society.

**“Voluntary habit building is self-discipline in its highest and noblest form of application.”**  
*Napoleon Hill*

**Your donation makes a difference!**



...I want to be a doctor so that I can help my village...



...if I can be a teacher, kids in my village will be different...



...100yen can help me not to work in the rice field for a week so I will go to school...

Children dream of their future, but their visions can be limited by certain circumstance they're born into. After two decades of wars and devastation, Cambodia had to begin all over again with bare hands in many fields, especially education, where there was an acute shortage of teachers and lack of empowerment.

**2009 CSAJ Charity Projects**

CSAJ Charity Event has been organized annually since 1994. It raised money to buy study materials viz., text books, stationary, etc. for Cambodian elementary school children in remote provinces of Cambodia. In addition to this goal, 2009 CSAJ Committee has launched three projects, “Essay Contest, Help Our Community, and Rural Primary School

**Fund”,** to implement a sustainable or long term development impact of the charity on rural poverty reduction and quality of education in Cambodia.



**“If you can't feed one hundred people, then feed just one.”**  
*Mother Teresa*

**Help Our Community Project**  
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► **Help Our Community project** is one of CSAJ educational charity projects which aims to empower young Cambodian people to be the agents of change and the seeds of citizen activists by helping the local community. Its philosophy can be identified as the old saying, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime”.

► The project offers both financial support and advices to the young people to create and complete a variety of different projects from education, environment, gender equality to healthcare.

► **Project Mission:** “Inform, Inspire and Involve”. **Inform** young people of their own community's problems, needs, opportunities etc. **Inspire** them to take responsibility for their own community. **Involve** them in a collective action for the common vision and goal – building a just and peaceful community through citizen service, civic leadership, and social entrepreneurship.

For further information, please visit our website.



**Many children in Cambodia can not properly read and write even after they finished primarily school...**