



# Cambodian Students Association in Japan (CSAJ)

## CSAJ Newsletter

### Message from the president

CSAJ is deeply committed to listening to our members, supporters and donors, and to making responsive and informative decisions. Also we aim to strengthen the effective social and academic platform into our students' community.

We are making this newsletter in order to: (1). provide an opportunity to all our friends to exchange their stories and share their ideas with one another, (2). provide basic information about CSAJ and its activities, and (3). call for your participation in all of the events and projects organized by our association.

Please find the following invitation of our next issue of the newsletter, and we are looking forward to having your participation.

On behalf of the CSAJ executive committee, I wish you all the very happy Khmer new year.

With love and regards,

Ear Chariya

### Invitation for the next issue

CSAJ would like to invite you to submit your compositions about your academic and social lives in Japan to [chariya4peace@yahoo.com](mailto:chariya4peace@yahoo.com) for our next newsletter which will be issued in September 2009.

**Format and rule:** 1-less than 1 page in English (A4) including photo(s), 2-content: your experiences in Japan (academic and/or social activities), 3- target readers: Cambodian students in Japan especially newcomers, 4-Only Cambodian students are accepted.

**Deadline: 1 July 2009**

### CSAJ Activities in 2008-2009

- 1- General Assembly: 21 Dec. 2008
- 2- CSAK General Election: 21 Dec. 2008
- 3- CSAJ General Election: 10 Jan. 2009
- 4- Courtesy to Royal Embassy of Cambodia to Japan: 29 Jan. 2009
- 5- CSAK/CSAJ Farewell and Graduation Party: 14 Mar. 2009
- 6- CSAK/CSAJ Welcoming Newcomers at Narita Airport: 2 Apr. 2009
- 7- CSAK/CSAJ Hanami Event: 4 Apr. 2009
- 8- CSAK/CSAJ Khmer New Year and Welcome Party: 11 Apr. 2009

### CSAJ Next Tentative Schedule in 2009

- 9- CSAK/CSAJ Sport Tournament: May 2009
- 10- CSAJ+AYNJ ASEAN Festival: Jun. 2009
- 11- CSAK/CSAJ Charity Event: Jul. 2009
- 12- CSAJ Essay Contest Event in Cambodia: Aug. 2009
- 13- CSAJ Charity Event in Cambodia: Sep. 2009
- 14- CSAK/CSAJ General Assembly: Dec. 2009

### 2009 CSAJ Standing Committee

1. Mr. Ear Chariya, Chairman (Kanto)
2. Mr. Sar Senera, Vice-chairman (Chubu)
3. Mr. Thea Tonghor, Vice-chairman (Kansai)
4. Mr. Chheang Vannarith, Vice-chairman (Kyushu)

### 2009 CSAJ Executive Committee

1. Mr. Ear Chariya, President
2. Mr. Tea Seanghy, Vice President
3. Ms. Nom Sotheary, Secretary General
4. Ms. Aing Heak, Tohoku Regional Coordinator
5. Ms. Yos Seilaroath, Academic Officer
6. Ms. Heng Sopha, Public Relation Officer
7. Mr. Peng Minea, Cultural Officer
8. Mr. So Yada, Financial Officer
9. Mr. In Thearith, Auditing Officer
10. Ms. Hok Kakada, IT Officer
11. Mr. Im Vibolka, IT Officer

### Courtesy Visit to Royal Embassy of Cambodia



After the general election on 10 Jan., the new CSAJ executive committee was formed and invited for the courtesy visit to the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to Japan on 29 Jan. 2009.

## Congratulating and welcoming new comers

Cambodian Students Association in Japan would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and warmly welcome all successful students who come to study in Japan, including those who came on 2<sup>nd</sup> April through Japanese Government (Monbukaga-kusho) scholarship and the forthcoming successful JDS students who were selected to study at Japanese universities for Master degree and are scheduled to come to Japan in July 2009.

For the scholarship information to study in Japan and other countries, please visit this website:

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/>

## Photo Gallery



Farewell Party, 14 Mar. 2009



CSAJ/CSAK Hanami Gathering in Tokyo



## Announcement of Help Our Community Project - Call for Proposals

CSAJ would like to call for proposals of Help Our Community project 2009 of a small scale grant program. The project will offer US\$1,000 for each successful proposal. Please find the detail information from this website:

<http://helpourcommunity.csaj-khmer.org/index.html>



## Announcement of 2009 Essay contest

CSAJ would like to announce Essay Competition 2009. We aim to encourage young Cambodians to think of and care about their society and community, and to express their ideas to the public, to have their voice heard, and

give themselves a great challenge which is salient for their future career. Competitors can chose one of the follow 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?*

**Awards:** First Prize: US\$200; Second Prize: US\$150, Third Prize: US\$100. For more details, please visit: <http://essaycontest.csaj-khmer.org>

We really appreciate your cooperation and support by helping to disseminate the above announcements to all your circle networks.

## Khmer New Year Wishes!

CSAJ would like to take this opportunity to make the best wishes to you and your loved ones. May this new year bring many opportunities to your way to explore every joy of life. May your resolutions for the days ahead stay firm, turning all your dreams into reality and all your efforts into great achievements.

Happy Khmer New Year!