

CSAJ BOOKLET

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"A sustainable stability & interactive community"

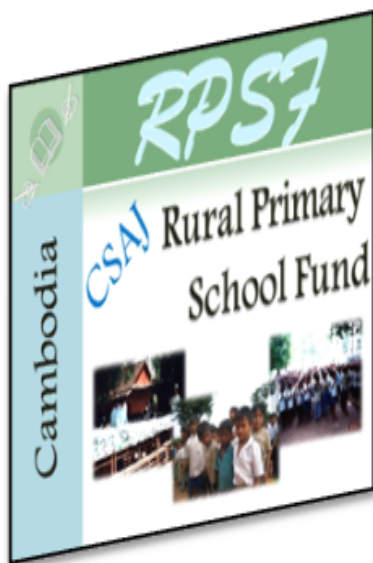


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Message from President

Followed the initial roles, policy and responsibilities mentioned in its statute, CSAJ is maintaining the political neutrality, financial transparency, and informativeness of this students' association.

Our main principle is not only to maintain and enhance the existing relationship among students but also CSAJ regional representatives (Kanto, Chubu, Kansai and Kyushu). We aim for the development and prosperity of our students' community.

In addition, we, CSAJ committee members, are working enthusiastically and devotedly to continue the plans for sustainability of CSAJ projects such as Help Our Community, Essay Contest, Charity Events as well as academic forum .etc.

This booklet is our first volume which aims to raise awareness among Cambodian students in Japan, CSAJ's partners, and all the donors, who always participate and contribute to our students' community, especially to CSAJ projects, through which the needy Cambodian in remote area had been and are going to be rescued from hunger and helplessness. Also, this booklet will present the transparent financial report and the result of the projects we had accomplished in the previous fiscal year.

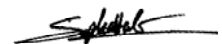
We hope that this booklet will bring more interest, participation, and contribution to CSAJ, a community for Cambodian students; a board to rescue the poor; and a base of development's innovations and creativities.

Be with us! Give your mini step but all your might!

We all together will drive to reach the prosperous students' community, good relationship between Cambodia and Japan; and to reach the poor and the helpless people in Cambodia!

Tokyo, 6th June, 2010

CSAJ President



Heng Sopha

CSAJ overview

CSAJ: Cambodian Students Association in Japan

Status: Non Political/ religion

Main activities:

- Support Cambodian Students in Japan
- Expand Cambodian Culture
- Keep good relationship between Japan- Cambodia
- Help contribute to the development of Cambodia

Regional Representatives:

Kanto: Cambodian Students Association in Kanto (CSAK)

Nagoya: Cambodian Students Association in Nagoya (CSAN)

Kansai: Khmer students Association in Kansai (KSAK)

Kyushu: Association for Cambodian Students in Kyushu (ACSK)

Committee: 15 members; Regional Representatives and board of Advisors

Members: Cambodian students in Japan

Projects:

Rural Primary School Fund (RPSF)

Essay Contest (CEC)

Help Our community Project (HOC)

Partners:

Royal Cambodian Embassy to Japan,

Japan Alumni of Cambodia (JAC)

Cambodia-Japan student conference (CJSC)

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ASEAN Youth Network in Japan (AYNJ) and Others.

I. What is CSAJ

CSAJ stands for Cambodian Students Association in Japan and was originally established in December 1994, two years after the Japanese Government restarted to provide scholarship to Cambodian students.

The association exists base on the voluntary spirit of and participation as well contribution of all the Cambodia students studying in Japan, interested organizations, voluntary Japanese people, the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to Japan and others.

Its initial purpose is to gather all Cambodian students for unity as well as to overcome loneliness. Besides, since studying is not the only purpose for coming to Japan, cultural exchange with Japanese and other foreign students become another motivation for the existence of CSAJ.

As time passes by and the number of students increased, the community become more active in both Cambodia's and Japan's society. In addition to harmonizing the student community in Japan including organizing the academic platform and organizing the events, with devotion, creativities, commitment and the desire to help develop Cambodia, especially the poor, our seniors has created more projects and expanded CSAJ's activities up to present such as raising fund to buy some studies materials as well as provide support or way to better of the life of distress families.

CSAJ is comprised of four regional students representative bodies include CSAK, CSAN, KCSA, and KSAK.

1. **CSAJ regional representatives**

CSAK

CSAK stands for “Cambodian Students Association in Kanto”, one among the four representatives of Cambodian Students Association in Japan (CSAJ). Because of the small number of Cambodian students in Hokuriku, Tohoku, and Hokkaido area, CSAK is represented the Cambodian students' networks and platform of services in four areas – Kanto, Hokuriku, Tohoku, and Hokkaido.

CSAK is committed to working in close collaboration with the other regional representatives to promote and achieve the values and objectives of the Cambodian Students Association in Japan (CSAJ) mentioned in CSAJ Statute. Our core mission is to promote social and academic activism, as well as to nurture the networks, friendship, and mutual understanding among the members, on the basis of active participation and volunteerism.

CSAK organizes several events such as: Khmer New Year, Welcome and Farewell Party, Sport Tournament, Charity/Fund Raising, and Cultural Festival.etc.

Since CSAK committee is usually elected as CSAJ representatives, most of the activities of CSAK are done under the name of CSAJ.

CSAN

The Cambodian Students Association in Nagoya (CSAN), a part of the Cambodian Students Association in Japan (CSAJ), was established in late 2003 by the Cambodian students in Nagoya out of the initiative by a majority of the Cambodian students at Nagoya University. Our three main objectives are to strengthen solidarity of Cambodian students in Nagoya, and students in other areas of Japan; to facilitate Cambodian students' lives in Nagoya and to promote academic and cultural spirits.

CSAN is managed by a Standing Committee composed of a President, Vice President, Secretary General, Financial Officer, Cultural Affairs Officer and IT Officer. Our members are as our name suggested, Cambodian students who are currently studying in Nagoya and elsewhere in Japan if they wish to. We hold three academic activities which have regularly been conducted and joined by Cambodian students of different disciplines in the Nagoya University: (1) Khmer Seminar, (2) Academic Talk, and (3) Cambodian Economic Initiative. Every year we further run many fundamental activities which can be classified as internal events (Welcome, Farewell, and Graduation party, Khmer New Year celebration, contests, and hosting visiting guests) and external events (Exchanging cultural or traditional performance with foreign communities, hosting and assisting Khmer students who visit Nagoya, as well as supporting them in their communication with Japanese and other international students to exchange both academic and social experience). For further information, please visit us at <http://nagoya.csaj-khmer.org/KCSA>.

KSAK

Khmer Students Association in Kansai, so called KSAK, is a regional representative of CSAJ in Kansai Region. In 2004, KSAK was established to assist and facilitate friendship, communication, as well as mutual support among members in Kansai Area. Nowadays, we have extended our activities to cultural exchange and fund-raising for non-political charity purpose. This year, we have 41 active members living in Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, and Fukui prefecture. KSAK works cooperatively with CSAJ and other regional representatives to fulfill our common objectives and to strengthen bond of friendship of all Cambodian Students in Japan. Similar to other region, we organize Khmer New Year Party, Congratulatory/Farewell Parties (Twice a year), Cultural exchange Activities, and Projects for fund-raising."

ACSK

Association for Cambodian Students in Kyushu (ACSK) is working out with its focus on enhancing a mutual understanding among existing Cambodian students, facilitating and assisting new comers in adjusting to a new environment, and promoting Khmer culture to people in Japan. Also ACSK serves as a platform for Cambodian students to share network, and help each other both academically and socially with local communities in Japan and exposure ourselves to the world. Our objectives are to promote cultural exchange between Cambodian students and international students including Japanese; to participate in community services and in fundraising activities; to establish and maintain a network between Cambodian students and students' alumni;

to help and support Cambodian students in their transition in Japan.

ACSK undertakes a charity campaign such as Awareness Raising and funds/donations for rural poor elementary students. The fund comes from Cambodian students' annual membership fees in Kyushu, interested organizations, voluntary Japanese people and others. The donations annually are used to buy study materials such as writing books, pens, pencil, erasers...and the members who return or visit Cambodia as an individual or a group would bring with them the spirit of charity and sharing in terms of giving speech to the children in order to raise their awareness and accession to education and the will and dream that they urge to pursue in the future regardless of their poor and vulnerable background at the moment.

2. Mission

- ✦ Promoting cultural and informative exchange with Japanese and other foreign students.
- ✦ Setting up friendly relations between Cambodian students, Japanese and foreign students.
- ✦ Providing useful information to all Cambodian students staying in different areas in Japan through its bulletin which is published twice a year.
- ✦ Helping any Cambodian students who is in trouble or needs assistance.
- ✦ Helping poor Cambodia's elementary school students with study materials kindly provide all information.

II. CSAJ Projects

In order to participate in and contribute to the development process of Cambodia, CSAJ projects are focusing on two fields, academic and poverty reduction. The project are as following:

1. Primary School Fund

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 fund raised from our generous individuals and organizations.

The schools are selected base on its real condition of hardship and needs. In 2009, with the cooperation from JAC, two primary schools were selected in Kampong Speu province.

Table1: Rural Primary School Fund 2009 (CSAJ/CSAK 2009 Financial report)

For Schools	Map of Cambodia	\$25
	Map of the world	15
	Poster of vegetable and fruit	18
	Cards of Khmer consonants	8
	Compass	28
	Pen	23
	School bag	14
	Eraser	6
	Book	12
	Ruler	3
	Pencil	4
For students	450 sets of notebook, pen, pencil, etc	450
For transportation and others	Transportation	50
	Food and others for members participated in the event	55
Total		<u>\$711</u>

2. Essay Contest

Essay Contest or Essay Competition Project, was initiated by CSAJ committee and was launched on March 1, 2008.

The project aims to encourage young Cambodian students to think of the issues and needs of their communities, and to share their practical ideas and experiences to the public. In this project, contestants who are below 23 years of age and reside in Cambodia are encouraged to participate in the project by sending their essays under the selected Essay Topics raised by CSAJ committee.

The committee will do the first screening in Japan by selected 10 outstanding essays and then in Cambodia, after the presentation, 3 among them will be selected as final winners.

Since the project was implemented, the number of participants has increase remarkably from 39 in 2008 to 65 in 2009.

Table2: Essay Contest 2009 (CSAJ/CSAK 2009 Financial report)

First prize	\$200	
Second prize	150	
Third prize	100	
Finalists' consolation prizes	70	
Document printing	47	
Expenses on air mail	50	
Expenses on medals	50	
Hall rent	11	
Total		<u>\$678</u>

For detail please visit: <http://essaycontest.csaj-khmer.org/>

3. Help Our community project

Help Our Community or HOC, was initiated by Cambodian Student Club in Kanto area in December 2007, and it became an educational charity project of Cambodian Student Association in Japan in January 2008. Its philosophy can be identified as an old saying, “Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; you have fed him for a lifetime.”

HOC provokes enthusiasm and provide mean for the youth as well as capable entity to put their creativities in promoting their community in the field of environment, social morality, education and economic development in to action.

Help Our Community **enhance the youth base on our three I strategy:**

- ☞ **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.

Help Our Community project offers each project up to US\$500 and within \$1000. Although we don't have a limitation in the length of project, we expect that the project will have long term impact on the community and people involved.

The participated organization or group of students are required to submit the project in detail to the committee and are selected base on the financial transparency, efficiency and benefit to the community, and the strength of the group in implementing the proposed project.

In 2009, 12 proposals were submitted to the committee and 4 were selected. However, as CSAJ budget is limited we can provide to only 3 projects.

Table3: Help Our Community Project 2009 (CSAJ/CSAK 2009 Financial report)

Fund to Agricultural Livelihood Support Project to Extreme Poor Community Project	\$1,000
Fund to Creating Jobs and Providing Agricultural Techniques to Rural Youth Project	1,000
Fund to Thoughts for Development Project	250
Transportation fees	80
Total	\$2,330

For more detail about the progress of each project please visit this link:

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

III. Message to Donors

CSAJ would like to thank for all the participation and support from all the donors both in the past and the present, especially CSAJ founders and those who had been devoted for the existence and the prosperity of this association.

CSAJ also dedicates the gratefulness to all the Cambodian Students, who used to and are now studying in Japan, Cambodian who reside in Japan, Japanese, all the students from related students organization or students group who always give us their support and who always participate in every CSAJ events, especially your contribution to CSAJ projects.

Your generosity does not only show your help in enhancing this community but also help a lot of poor and helpless Cambodian people. This also contributes to the development of the nation and elimination of poverty.

Every year, all the donations from your generosity through the Charity Event and through CSAJ account were used to help the poor directly and indirectly with the aim for sustainability.

As the above mention your fund were placed rightly to three projects to encourage the educational field and help increase the living standard of Cambodian people. We have tried and are now trying to allocate the fund we received to the right targets, the helpless people.

Your continue support and participation are highly appreciated.

No matter how much your donation is, it is very precious for those who are in need.

Lastly, we would like to wish you all the best in your career, family and for your health.

CSAJ President
CSAJ-committee 2010

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V. CSAJ 2010 calendar

Date	Activities
Jan	Visiting Embassy, content of CSAJ booklet
Feb	Launching Essay Contest and HOC
Mar	Farewell party for successful graduates in spring term; revise CSAJ booklet
	<i>Flyer or Booklet of CSAJ yearly activities</i>
Apr	Ohanami (お花見); Welcome and New Year Party
May	Sport (golden week); CSAJ's trip; ASEAN and cultural events
	<i>CSAJ Charity pamphlets and last year report</i>
Jun	Charity Event (late Jun); Essay Contest first screening
July	Essay Contest first result
Aug	Rural Primary School fund, essay contest, HOC (Cambodia)
Sept	Welcome JDS and Yumiori scholars; Farewell party for Sep graduands
Oct	CSAJ's and Regional's report preparation
	<i>Preparation of CSAK or CSAJ Charity pamphlets and annual report</i>
Nov	AYNJ+ Cultural festivals
Dec	Academics forum; Report of CSAJ activities; Year End Party; Election of CSAJ

VI. Useful information for students on CSAJ homepage

New comers

- Life and study in Japan (CSAJ2008)
http://www.csaj-khmer.org/newsite/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid=42&tmpl=component&format=raw&Itemid=54&lang=en
- Advice for new comers: JICA or JICE student (Mr. KONG Chanveasna)
http://www.csaj-khmer.org/newsite/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=58%3Aadvice-for-newcomers&catid=68%3Atips-for-newcommers&Itemid=91&lang=en
- How to prepare yourself for life and study in Japan: Khmer version (CSAJ2003)
<http://www.csaj-khmer.org/newsite/pdf/advice/advice2003.pdf>
- How to prepare yourself for life and study in Japan: English version (CSAJ2002)
<http://www.csaj-khmer.org/newsite/pdf/advice/advice2002.pdf>
- Jobs should be done
http://www.csaj-khmer.org/newsite/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=57%3Ajobs-should-be-done&catid=68%3Atips-for-newcommers&Itemid=91&lang=en

Students

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