

School Health Project for All Cambodian Children News Letter Vol. 1



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The project of developing school health services for all children in Cambodia

As the Cambodian teacher training schools in Phnom Penh and Battambang have reformed from a two-year system to a four-year teacher education collage (TEC), a new school health course has planned to be established. Until now, health education has not been taught as a subject in primary and secondary schools in Cambodia. It is stipulated that a health subject should be taught once a week in primary and secondary schools, and a curriculum and textbooks are being formulated and implemented. However, teachers who can teach health subjects are not trained yet. Accordingly, there are no specialized teachers who can teach them, let alone the curriculum. In addition, there is no textbook to use for the lecture. Therefore, with the support of the Nippon Foundation, this project develops school health curriculum and textbooks for teacher training courses in primary and secondary schools at teacher training colleges, and trains and trains lecturers who can use them to conduct classes at TECs in Phnom Penh and Battambang. At the same time, in cooperation with KIZUNA, we are working on the dissemination of school health training for in-service teachers and the model project of the health room.

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School Health 2nd Workshop Report

Yuuka Masuko, Thay Sokheng

School Health 2nd workshop was held on 17th and 24th December. This workshop was conducted online and the topic was "Overview of School Health Syllabus". The day1 (17th) was lecture day by Prof. Asakura from Tokyo Gakugei University and day 2 (24th) was presentation session by 4 groups of 16 lecturers from PTEC and BTEC. It was a good opportunity for lecturers to learn new knowledge about school health through active discussion on both days.



Thank you for participating in this WS!

Comments from lecture

By joining this workshop, I've gained new experiences and knowledge's about School Health which is a topic that I was not familiar with before. I was really grateful in joining this workshop. Especially, I would like to thank all the professors who worked hard in explaining, responding to all questions and share good knowledge with me.

From my point of view regarding both workshop, I believe that it was a well-prepared workshop. Lectures get to work together and discuss about researched topics related to School Health. This kind of research help us in understanding deeper about school health in Cambodia.

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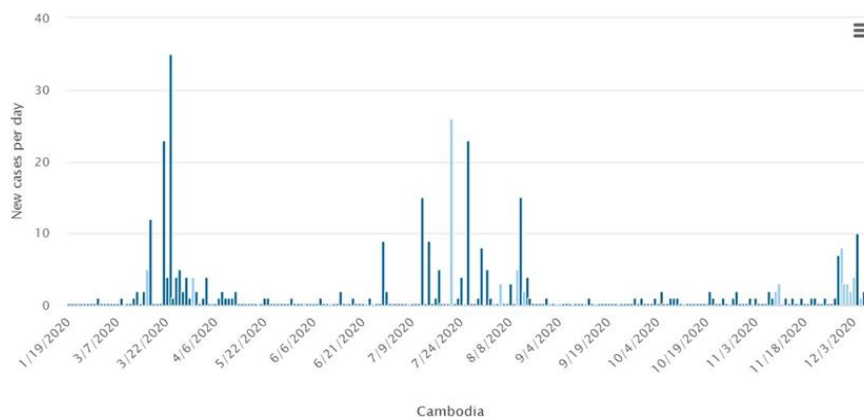


COVID-19 in Cambodia

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►The Infection trends in Cambodia

Cambodia confirmed the first case of Covid-19 on 27th January 2020. As of 14th December 2020, 359 confirmed cases of Covid-19 have been reported in Cambodia, of which 309 have recovered and zero death¹. Cambodia detected the first case of community transmission on 28th November 2020. There are totally 40 cases confirmed by now related to “28 Nov incident”. There is concern that health systems could become overwhelmed or collapse if there were widespread COVID-19 community outbreak. In response to Covid-19 outbreak, the government has taken a number of intensive measures including closing schools, imposing travel restriction in community, imposing a mandatory 14-day quarantine for traveler entering the country, social distancing and wearing mask, and giving power to the sub-national authorities and Provincial Health Departments to suspend any entity or institution not adhering to public health protocols. The government raise funds for procurement of COVID-19 vaccines to secure enough vaccinating for Cambodian citizens free of charge. As of 8th December, a total of more than \$30 million has raised.



►Comparing to other countries, how different the spread of infection is?

Cambodia is ranked in the 3rd place among the 166 studied nations across the world by the Bureau de Prospective Economique (BPE) of Senegal as top nation of best Covid-19 containment and the 1st place in Asia in terms of the country’s effective measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to handle pandemic’s fallouts². The spread of infection in Cambodia is in a very lower rate comparing to countries in the region and the world, credits to government’s quick responsiveness. According to WHO, over 80 percent of total cases in Cambodia were imported, the remaining cases were locally acquired and contact tracing is ongoing for cases related to the community or household cluster³. While Cambodia has reported a small volume of cases, preventing a larger-scale community transmission is critical.

Index of the resilience of COVID-19 in the countries

	World among 166 countries		Asia
1	Saint kitts and Navis	1	Cambodia
2	Seychelles	2	Thailand
3	Cambodia	3	Brunei

*As of November 15th weekly reported from BPE of Senegal

1. Ministry of Health, December 14, 2020, retrieved from <http://cdcmoh.gov.kh/479-update-on-covid-19>

2. <https://lepetitjournal.com/cambodge/covid-les-resultats-du-cambodge-parmi-les-meilleurs-du-monde-292615> [Accessed. December 16, 2020.]

3. WHO. (07 December 2020). Cambodia: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report #23.

Internship at TGU

3 students from Nagasaki University have been doing internship at Tokyo Gakugei University since November 2020. The topic “COVID-19 in Cambodia” is written by Lyan, Lika and Saki.



Thank you for reading!
Please share your comments with us!