

**Minute of the Workshop  
On  
"Rights and Teachers' Duty"  
Kandal Province, Takmoa District, Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

In the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008, the Cambodian Independent Teachers' Association held the workshop on "**Rights and Teachers' Duty**", Punloeu Chhorbchet Restaurant, in Takmoa district, Kandal province, presided over by Mr. Rong Chhun, president of CITA, supported by EU project and organized by CITA.

Unfortunately, on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008, the day of holding the workshop, Takmoa local authority prevented CITA from conducting it by threatening the owner of the restaurant not to hire the place for CITA's workshop.



- **Composition of the participants:**

- 1- Mr. Ou Virak, President of Cambodian Center for Human Rights and
- 2- 48 teachers from Kandal province

Due to the impossibility of holding the workshop, Mr. Rong Chhun led those teachers out of from the restaurant toward the riverside by sitting under the tree to have a meeting. He said that the action of the authority is an intimidation and abused the rights and freedom of gathering of the citizens. The Cambodian Independent Teachers' Association is a legal organization because was already registered at the Ministry of Interior, he added.



He proposed the head government of Cambodia to respect the constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, should provide the citizens, especially teachers to have enough rights to gather, as stated in article 41 of the constitution. The government should stop prevention of teachers' gathering and CITA violently watch for government's actions and authority's on teachers' gathering.

After that Mr. Ou Virak said that the action of the authority disturbed the teachers' gathering is abused the teachers' rights, and he asked that do those authorities have children, relatives or not ? If they have, it means that they violated the rights of their children, relatives and himself, too.

Mr. Heam Chhan Sothea, teacher from Keansway district, complained about the high cost of goods at the market and the presently decreased dignity of teacher, by saying that he has a difficulty of living standards because he cannot make money to support his family especially his current salary is

imbalanced with high cost of goods. And some teachers take money from students, sell the candy, exam paper for them, it causes the student to look down and not respect the teachers.

Mrs. Keo Kolen, from Takmoa, represents the teachers in the workshop today, requested the authority of all levels to esteem the rights of the citizens and teachers.

Finally, Mr. Rong Chhun expressed his thanks to the teachers spent an important time to attend the workshop, whatever the authority prevented the gathering. And he tried to catch the government's actions and authority, especially, proposed the Human Rights organizations in Cambodia to take note the abusing of teachers' rights and citizens.



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