

**Minute of Workshop  
On  
"Rights and Teachers' Duty"  
Takeo, Date: 18th June 2008**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008, at Takeo province, about 8:00am, Cambodian Independent Teachers' Association conducted a workshop on **"Rights and Teachers' Duty"**, presided over by Mr. Rong Chhun, President of CITA, funded by EU project and organized by CITA.



**- Composition of the participants:**

- 1- Mr. Ou Nonn, Chairman of CITA in Takeo province.
- 2- 80 teachers in Takeo province

**- CITA's Staff**

- 1- Mr. Srey Kim Heng, Cameraman of CITA
- 2- Mr. Moeung Samnang, Writer of Leaflet of CITA
- 3- Mr. Leng Bunhong, Programmer of CITA

At the beginning of the workshop, Mr. Ou Nonn, Chairman of CITA in Takeo province, introduced all the participants to know each other, especially for the whole workshop.

After that Mr. Rong Chhun, President of CITA, expressed his thanks and admired the teachers who tried to join the workshop today even if the past 3 days, CITA's workshop, dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008, in Kandal province, was prevented by the authority and owner of restaurant was intimidated not to hire the restaurant and teachers were threatened not to participate in the workshop. And the workshop today, the owner of the shop also canceled the rent place, too. It was shown that the authority does not comply with the constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Moreover, he said that the worse education quality and high inflation of goods at the market largely impacted the students' education and the living conditions of the poor people. On the other hand, the current parliamentarians do not pay well attention to or protect the interests of the Khmer citizens and teachers but take note of passing the law of their pension as they retire. The basic rights of

citizens means that all citizens have the rights to have a good living conditions, to be alive, health controlling without payment,... the politicians will not these rights but are concentrated on themselves. So we all should strengthen our power and follow and watch the government leaders after the election. Then again, the duty of teachers aside from teaching is that teachers should help educating the people lived next to you to consider of changing the society.

Following, Mr. Sam Rethkhon, teachers in Tramkok district, said that he heard one said the weak education quality because of disqualified teachers but he does not agree with this idea. Then Mr. Ou Nonn, requested all teachers joined the workshop today, as they come back should take an example



of his school because now 95% of his school teacher became members of CITA and all the works dealing with the teachers and education in the school, the headmaster always asked the teachers first before it was done.

Mr. Rong Chhun said that the weak education quality should be promoted by government but it was very little progress especially the reputation of the teachers.

Finally, before ending the workshop he stressed the objective and stance of CITA by saying that CITA still take side with and protect teachers and promote the dignity of the teachers and expressed his thanks to the Executive Committee of CITA, in Takeo province, tried very hard to organize the workshop today and wish all teachers to be successful in all the work.

Phnom Penh, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
Leng Bunhong  
CITA' Administration Chief