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Youth Evaluation of the Achievements of the Royal Government of Cambodia or Elected Political Parties on Training and Job Creation

Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center, Phnom Penh, August 14, 2007

Youth voters are dissatisfied with the achievements of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) or elected political parties on training and job creation.

The average score given by youth voters was 2.83 on a scale ranging from 1 (absolutely dissatisfied) to 5 (very satisfied).

The score-based evaluations focused on the following five points:

- (1)- Implementation of policy on job creation was scored at **2.19**, showing that voters were **dissatisfied**.
- (2)- Strengthening of the Labor Law and international conventions to ensure compliance with the rights and interests of both employees and employers was scored at **2.38**, showing that voters were **dissatisfied**.
- (3)- Creation of the Vocational and Professional Training Network coupled with the Employment Center for Youth was scored at **2.47**, showing that voters were **dissatisfied**.
- (4)- Establishment of training and dissemination centers for civic education to youth was scored at **2.47**, showing that voters were **dissatisfied**.
- (5)- Strengthening of control on foreign labor in Cambodia with the aim of solving employment issues and absorbing new technology was scored at **2.31**, showing that voters were **dissatisfied**.

The score-based evaluation was carried out at the “Youth Voters’ Voice Forum” on elected officials or political parties’ achievements on **training and job creation for youth** on August 14, 2007 at Phnom Penh’s Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center. The forum was organized by COMFREL in conjunction with the Youth Council of Cambodia, the Khmer Youth Association and the Youth Resource Development Program. Scores were given by youth participants after discussion and presentations by guest speakers who included a parliamentarian, various experts, a youth association director and a representative from the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training (MoLVT).

The forum is one part of COMFREL’s “Government Watch” project; the issue under discussion is one **seriously affecting** the livelihood and future of voters.

**The number of people in Cambodia reaching the age to enter the labor market is soon to have increased to between 300,000 and 350,000 annually. Discussion found that only between 50,000 and 60,000 youths are currently employed per year.**

For a detailed report on this evaluation, please see the attached.

COMFREL will soon organize a series of forums of this kind, focusing on other topics related to the political platform of the RGC.

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