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### Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia

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August 29, 2011

#### **MEDIA ALERT**

Who	Mr. Koul Panha, Executive Director of the Committee for Free and Fair
	Elections in Cambodia (COMFREL)
What	Public lecture on the topic of 'Creating Paths for Sustainable Citizen Vigilance
	in a Young Democracy' for the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF)
Where	Live streaming from the RMAF's website: www.rmaf.org.ph
	OR
	Ramon Magsaysay Centre,
	1680 Roxas Boulevard,
	Manila, the Philippines
When	2 September 2011
	2:30pm Indochina time (3:30pm Philippine time)

## **Background information:**

Mr. Panha is being recognized for his work by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation. The award ceremony will be taking place on 31 August 2011 in Manila, the Philippines.

As part of his participation in the ceremony Mr. Panha will be delivering a public lecture on 2 September 2011. The lecture will be about Cambodia's current situation as a young democracy and COMFREL's role in creating sustainable citizen vigilance in this backdrop.

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Mission: COMFREL mission is to help to create an informed and favourable climate 1)- for free and fair elections through lobbying and advocacy for a suitable legal framework, education to inform voters of their rights and monitoring activities that both discourage irregularities and provide comprehensive monitoring data to enable an objective, non-partisan assessment of the election process, and 2)- for meaningfulness of post elections through education and public forums to encourage citizens to participate in politics and decision-making, advocacy/lobby for electoral reforms that increase accountability of elected officials and provide comprehensive monitoring data to enable an objective, non-partisan assessment of the fulfilment of political platform and performance of elected officials.