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Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia

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## COMFREL Executive Director to Receive Ramon Magsaysay Award



**Phnom Penh, 29 July 2011-** The Executive Director of the Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia (**COMFREL**), Mr. **KOUL Panha**, is being recognized for his work by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF).

The RMAF awards ceremony is taking place on 31 August 2011 in Manila, the Philippines. The ceremony is a forum to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Mr. Panha to build COMFREL's capacity to bring free and fair elections to the Cambodian people.

On hearing the news about the award Mr. Panha said, *"Although I am the beneficiary of this award, I owe this achievement to the staff, networks and board members of COMFREL who work hard every day and whose activities are supported by our many partners."*

Mr. Panha's leadership has made COMFREL the foremost, independent authority on Cambodia's electoral issues.

In addition to attending the award ceremony Mr. Panha is also delivering public lectures on the topic of **"Creating Paths for Sustainable Citizen Vigilance in a Young Democracy"** on 1 and 2 September 2011 at the Ramon Magsaysay Centre in Manila, the Philippines.

For more information about the award and the work of Mr. Panha visit:

<http://www.rmaf.org.ph/Awardees/Citation/CitationPanhaKou.htm>

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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.

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