



# NGO Education Partnership

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\*\*\* NEP NEWSLETTER \*\*\*

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The NGO Education Partnership Newsletter will be published quarterly (in English and Khmer) and distributed to all NEP member organizations. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep members up-to-date on changes in MoEYS policy, important meeting the Secretariat staff has attended, and other relevant news about what is happening in the education sector. In addition, the newsletter is a place where NEP members can share news about what your organization is doing, resources you wish to offer for circulation, workshops or training opportunities, and any other information you feel would be of interest to our membership.

## NEP Secretariat News and Updates

### NEP Funding from UNICEF

The NEP Board is pleased to announce that, funding has been secured for the Secretariat through UNICEF. After many meetings with the Head of the Education Section, UNICEF has agreed to provide the necessary funds for two staff positions and partial operating costs for the next year. Over the next year NEP staff will be working hard to strengthen communications systems and increase membership. To facilitate its networking capability the Secretariat will create a website and produce a quarterly newsletter aimed at reaching out to all NGO's working in the education sector. Among the goals NEP has outlined to ensure its sustainability is a plan to diversify funding sources for the Secretariat

NEP also plans to develop training on understanding the ESP and ESSP. Dates for this and other training will be announced in the coming months.

### New Staff at NEP

Mr. Seng Hong has been hired as our new Executive Director. Hong brings 19 years experience working in the NGO and public service sectors. His educational background in Public Policy, Regional & Rural Development Planning and Hydro-geology & Geo-technical Engineering has seen him taking a leadership role in a number of development projects funded by large donors such as the USAID, SIDA, UNDP and the World Bank. Additionally, his experience working as a college instructor of Project Planning and Implementation, as well as an instructor of upper secondary education provide a solid understanding of the realities of education sector in Cambodia.

The Board and the Secretariat staff welcome Hong and look forward to a year of productive work bringing the views of our members to the attention of the MoEYS.

Mr. Ngo Sothath, the Technical/Administrative Assistant at NEP has been promoted to the position of Education/Technical Officer. In addition to many new duties, Sothath will be responsible for the design and deliver the up-coming ESP/ESSP training modules.

## **New VSO Volunteer**

NEP would like to welcome our new VSO volunteer, Ms. Roneen Marcoux, who started working in November 2005. Roneen comes from Canada and brings over 20 years of experience working as a college instructor and a program manager in the NGO sector in Vancouver. Her role as Management Advisor with NEP will see her working closely with Secretariat staff to realize the goals set out in NEP's Strategic Plan. In particular, Roneen will assist in the development of both management and communication systems to ensure an effective flow of information amongst NEP members and between the NGO sector and the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport (MoEYS).

## **New NEP Board of Directors**

At our Annual General meeting, on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 four members were nominated for seats on the NEP Board. As a result of that election, the NEP Board is as follows:

Board Chair	Mr. Chan Solin (World Education)
Vice Chair:	Hervé Roqueplan (New Humanity)
Treasurer:	Soreach Soreithida (Women Development Association)
Board Member:	Kong Vichetra (Disability Action Council)

Since the AGM, another nomination for the Board has been submitted and Mr. James Whitehead of Volunteer Services Overseas (VSO) has been asked to stand for the Board. NEP Secretariat staff sent out ballots to all members and James has now been elected.

## **New Office for NEP**

NEP has moved to new offices. Our new address is No. 227C Street 63, Boeung Keng Kang 1, Phnom Penh. Our phone number and email address remain the same.

## **NEP to do "Valuing Teachers" Research with VSO**

NEP will partner once again with Volunteer Services Overseas (VSO) to do research on what factors contribute to teacher motivation in Cambodia. As part of their Mainstreaming Inclusive Education Project VSO will place a volunteer Research Advisor with NEP, who will coordinate the data collection and analysis for the Valuing Teachers research.

## **NEP to do training on ESP and ESSP**

Over the next two months NEP will produce a condensed version of the Education Strategic Plan (ESP). We will also provide training to members on how NGO's can better understanding the ESP and ESSP policy development and implementation process and how they can more effectively contribute their ideas and concerns to the education policy development process in Cambodia. More specific times and dates for this training will be announced in June 2006.

## **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER**

NEP welcomes member contributions to the newsletter. If you have any news to share with other members or views about what is happening in the education sector, we would like to include this in the Member News and Views section of the newsletter. Please submit articles of between 100 and 250 words. In the interests of brevity the Secretariat staff may edit submitted articles. We will also have a section in the newsletter for Job postings and meeting announcements. We welcome your contributions