

MASTER PLAN of SPORTS DEVELOPMENT for 5 YEARS
for PRIMARY and HIGH SCHOOLS of 5 DISTRICTS
SIEM REAP PROVINCE in CAMBODIA 2007-2011
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1. Background

The Kingdom of Cambodia is on the way to rebuilding the country after the “Paris Peace Treaty” in 1991. For attaining the revival of the whole country, we should definitely concentrate on comprehensive human development. Arming youth, who will be the horse for the future of the country, with good education, is one of the high priority issues and the importance of “Sport Education” is also emphasized in the Cambodian Constitution as follows;

The Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia
Chapter 6 【Education, Culture, Society】
Article 65

- The State shall protect and upgrade citizens’ rights to quality education at all levels and shall take necessary steps for quality education to reach all citizens.
- The State shall respect physical education and sports for the welfare of all Khmer citizens.

However, actual implementation has been faced with many difficulties because the priority of sport education is low in the national educational policy and provincial/district education offices are facing the problems of a chronic budget shortage. Not only the lack of budget but the lack of human resources such as administrative officers, teachers and coaches after the Pol Pot regime is so serious, and furthermore the few sport related people do not have enough educational materials or educational opportunities.

Though the educational policy tends to put much emphasis on the academic achievements, sport education is also important for cultivating children’s’ physical and psychological health overall. Recognition of the significance of sport education is spreading at school and community levels these days, so that an immediate and appropriate approach to changing the educational system is highly demanded.

This plan is enforced in Siem Reap province, Cambodia. The Sport Office of Siem Reap Province, located at the provincial stadium with 7 full-time staff members, promotes the development of sport education widely in this area. It has a strong administrative system for directing “District Office of Education” and each school, and for communicating with the central government and some international NGOs. We can expect that many schools, even in the rural areas, can equally benefit through this close communication.

2. Overall Goal

We conduct some activities such as sport festivals, workshops and clinics referring to this project plan. This project aims to;

- 1) Provide more opportunities for youth to play sport and to learn about health.
- 2) Provide technical assistance to administrative officers, teachers and coaches.

3. Project Term 2007/10/01-2011/09/30 (5 Years)

4. Target Areas & Groups

Students in 12 districts including Angkor Thom, Angkor Chum, Svay Leu, Varin, and Srey Snom which we did not target during the first 5 years. 6 Lower Secondary and 11 Primary Schools are emphasized as footholds (see appendices 1.1 and 1.2)

5. Activities

We conduct the following activities to achieve our project purpose following the priority of MoEYS¹ continuous survey, and monitoring will be also conducted for clarifying the subjects.

1) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

- Organize seminars for teachers and coaches aiming to develop educational and coaching skills
- Dispatch Sport/Physical Education specialists from Japan for several weeks or months

2) FACILITATION

- Repair and Provide sport fields for each school (We strongly try to involve school communities in maintaining their facilities by themselves)
- Supply sport equipment for each school (especially for the lower secondary schools)

3) SPORT FESTIVALS

- Organize “Sport Festivals (soccer, volleyball, basketball, athletics and sport recreation)” for primary and secondary students in the target area to learn the pleasure of exercise. It provides opportunities for teachers and coaches to encourage students to enjoy sport activities.

¹ The order depends on the interview with Mr. Sam Saro and Ms. Sin Noam, who are deputy directors of Provincial Office of Education, Siem Reap Province.

4) PROVISION OF MATERIALS

- Provide coaching materials (paper-based, DVD or Power Point files) for teachers in each school, which covers 'Rules', 'Planning', and 'Technical Skills' of soccer, volleyball, basketball, athletics, and sport recreation
- Provide materials on health-related matters

6. Input

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7. Remarks

- We urge school communities such as "School Supporting Committees" to collaborate with planning, decision making and fund-raising for constructing or repairing the sport facilitation in the schools.
- The priority of related-activities is decided following each school's requests.

8. Background Information

"MASTER PLAN of SPORTS DEVELOPMENT for 5 YEARS for PRIMARY and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL of SIEM REAP PROVINCE" was started in 2002 by the collaboration with Sport Office and a Japanese organization. During 5 years, we completed

- 1) Provision of the materials for sport education, health and environment etc...
- 2) Provision of sport fields, balls and uniforms to 21 primary and secondary schools
- 3) Holding 10 "Sports Festivals" for a total of 7300 students.

As a result, the number of youth playing sports regularly in this area and the requests for the same program from other districts has dramatically increased. We conducted a basic survey on sport and education in those five districts (see appendices) and the needs for sports education are clarified as follows;

- 1) Technical assistance for sport teachers and coaches
- 2) Sport facilitation especially for lower secondary schools
- 3) Materials for sport education such as coaching manuals, balls and uniforms.