



PRESS RELEASE

BEEP Learning Center Launch

WHAT: Launch of 2 Learning Centers of Basic Education Equivalency Programme (BEEP)

WHO:

- **H.E. Dr. Pich Sophoan**, Permanent Secretary of State and senior officials of the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MoLVT)
- H.E Serei Chumnas, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS)
- Representative of UNESCO Phnom Penh
- UN Joint Program Team on Youth Employment, World Education EdTech Center, DPs & youth-centered NGOs

WHEN: Thursday, **11 July 2019**, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am

WHERE: National Polytechnic Institute of Angkor (NPIA)

Dear Journalists,

Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and UNESCO Phnom Penh Office have the pleasure to announce the official launch of another 2 BEEP Learning Centers in Siem Reap Province: (1) National Polytechnic Institute of Angkor (NPIA), (2) Regional Polytechnic Institute Techo Sen Siem Reap.

BEEP is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS) and the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MoLVT) with UNESCO support to provide flexible alternative education to out-of-school youth to complete lower secondary/basic education, equivalent to grade 9. BEEP enables the Cambodian youth to pursue their educational interest while continuing professional activities. Having a basic education qualification will enable them to build their knowledge and skills for further decent employment opportunities.

Just after the official launch of the first learning center in Phnom Penh in February, 1,553 students have registered online (28% female) from different parts of Cambodia and 148 students (41% female) are enrolled. BEEP has generated a very dynamic dialogue about the importance of continuing education and lifelong learning in Cambodia among the policy makers, employers, partners in development and the youth.

Supported by the United Nations Joint Programme (UNJP) on Youth Employment in Cambodia, BEEP course is available online on Moodle, an open-source learning management system, which is now available in Khmer thanks to BEEP in collaboration with

World Education's EdTech Center. A total of 11 e-learning subjects are available for students to choose and learn from. BEEP is being piloted in 10 centers (5 in Phnom Penh and 5 in Siem Reap). Enrolled students will be given free internet access by Smart Axiata to the e-learning courses and can take courses of their interests and needs at their own pace. Successful students who complete all required subjects and pass required assessments/examinations will be awarded basic education certificate and have a chance to continue their education either at vocational high schools or at TVET institutions.

H.E. Dr. Pich Sophoan, Permanent Secretary of State of the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training will preside over the event in the presence of senior officials from MoLVT and MoEYS and UNESCO Representative along with other development partners, youth-centered NGOs, teachers and students. During the launch, a brief progress report and video about BEEP activities will be presented. Honored guests will be invited to tour the BEEP learning center as well.

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