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Dear fellows of WAsia,

Eden Social Welfare Foundation is over 30 years. Through these years, Eden has been dedicated to its commitment to Never Give Up and to Serve the Weak, Promote the Double Blessings, Witness Christ, and Lead People to God. Many underprivileged families and individuals were provided with excellent services, gaining Eden widespread support and recognition by various agencies in Taiwan and around the world. Eden learned from WAsia and researched then developed our international and cross-straits projects that regarding vocational training as well as employment services.



In Taiwan, Eden is able to successfully implement various services with the help of societal support, our generous donors, Eden ambassadors and the dedicated commitment of volunteer workers. Since Eden's first attempt to promote international and cross-straits services, we have benefited immensely from the guidance and assistance from NGOs, academic agencies, public institutions, missions, and many who prayed for us throughout the world. We have been able to develop intimate collaborative relationships with many of these organizations, agencies, and constituencies. These generous support and concern that supersedes national boundaries allowed Eden to grow and mature, giving us the strength to give assistance to the weak and underprivileged.

We hope that you will continue to support WAsia and Eden's commitment and promise to serve the weak and care for our world.

Patrick YEH  
President  
Eden Social Welfare Foundation

## **Komar Pikar Foundation (KPF) from Cambodia**



*Mr. Kong Vichetra,  
Executive Director,  
Komar Pikar Foundation*

I was born in Kampong Thom on March 1975 during Pol Pot regime and was living in Kang Komar (Kid's center) as older brother with 2 sisters. I was affected by polio on my right leg (limb) and my families was moving to Phnom Penh in 1981 as both mother were working as typewriter within the Ministry of Commerce while my father was an normal official of the same ministry.

With education, I was going through from primary education to high school at local school. I obtained two master degrees; Business Administration and Law and Political Science.

I am now an Executive Director and Founder of Komar Pikar Foundation, has been board member, advisor and consultant (Research, Project Evaluation, Project Design etc..) with more than 15 years in business, disability and development with LNGO, INGO and private companies.

As a person with disability, I have gone through experience in country and abroad. I have worked on promoting rights and well-being of children with moderate to severe disabilities and specialist in Advocacy and Policy Development on Disability Issue. I have extensive experience working with various disability organizations in Cambodia such as Disability Action Council (Program Coordinator), Business Advisory Council (Project Manager) and Cambodian Disabled Persons Organization (Chairperson of the Gov. Board), Cambodia Development Mission on Disability (Board of Director member) by working from community to international levels and linking directly with funding agencies etc... started from less funding to more than 8 donors who are still supporting KPF until the present time.

## **Komar Pikar Foundation (KPF)... cont.**

### **Who We Are**

Komar Pikar Foundation (KPF) is a Cambodian non-government organization (NGO) registered with the Ministry of Interior (Registration No. 205). We are passionate about the well being of children and young people with moderate to severe disabilities, and their families.

There are an estimated 630,000 disabled people in Cambodia, of whom more than 50% are under 20 years of age. (Handicap International 2007)

Our vision is for children and youth with moderate to severe disabilities to gain a quality of life and provide them with dignity and recognition of being deserving of equal rights within society.

Our mission is to provide quality holistic support, to ensure that policies are implemented to address the needs of these children and youth.



### **What We Do**

Using a family and community based self-help approach, KPF builds the capacity of families to advocate for the needs of their own children and ensure their rights are respected.

To ensure long-term change, we actively engage with communities and their leaders to facilitate the inclusion of all people with disabilities, in all areas of life. This includes working with government ministries, Disabled Persons Organization, Parent Groups and other organization to advocate for the needs of vulnerable children.

KPF focuses on both establishing best practice demonstration projects that successfully and sustainably address the needs of the children and their families, as well as national networking and engagement strategies, that support policy development and implementation of activities by government and organization.



## Komar Pikar Foundation (KPF)... cont.



### Our Activities

KPF is currently actively involved in improving the lives of more than 100 children. This in turn improves the well-being of some 200 family members and their ability to advocate for children with disability to be inclusive members of the community, KPF are also partnering with 6 other NGOs in other provinces.

#### **Children in Communities Program**

- **Community Day Centres and Home Based Projects**

Enabling children with moderate and severe disabilities to learn, development and meet their goals through high quality services and support.

- **Activity Centre and Life After School Project**

Working with youth with moderate to severe disabilities to learn new life skills and participate in community and become as independent as a possible.

#### **Empowering parents**

Partnering with parents and careers of children with disabilities to empower and mobilize them to advocate for the rights and needs of their children, using Self Help Groups and Parent Association to work for long-term change.

#### **Working towards inclusive communities**

Engaging with communities and their leaders to help them adopt our vision for an inclusive community where everyone is valued, while advocating for improved specialized services, in partnership with government and non-government service providers and legislators.

#### **Working together for change**

Ensuring like-minded organization work co-operatively together for change.

## Distribution of Rehabilitation materials to differently abled people in Tiruvannamalai

### SINAM from India

In a community function held at Thenmahadevaman-galam village in Tiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu, India distributed rehabilitation materials to 16 differently abled people. SINAM NGO has organized this programme on September 24, 2015. 16 differently abled people received this benefit. The following materials were provided by **Manitham Educational Charitable Trust**, represented by Mr. Vinodhkumar, Trustee and Mr. Thavasipal, Trustee.

Tri-cycle	- 2	Wheel chairs	- 2
Caliper	- 3	Ankle elbow	- 3
Walker	- 2	Walking sticks	- 4



The programme was chaired by Mr Rama Perumal, Director of SINAM and the chief guest of the day was Mr. S.S. Thanapathy, Project Director of Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation, Tiruvannamalai. The aids and appliances provided to the beneficiaries by Project Director. The felicitation was given by Mr. Balasubramaniam, Deputy Block Development Officer of Kalasapakkam panchayat union and Mr. Nithiyanandam, Block co-ordinator of TNSRLM, Kalasapakkam Block. In a community function 150 volunteers working with differently abled people and hundreds of people participated in the programme.

The beneficiaries were selected by SINAM through their volunteers working in Kalasapakkam panchayat union. The beneficiaries received different types of training from SINAM.

## From the Secretariat

### **WAsia Board Meeting & National Workshop: Employment for Persons with Disability in Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

#### **WAsia Board Meeting**

- Date: 25 January, 2016 (10am - 4pm)
- Venue: Sunway Hotel Phnom Penh

#### **National Workshop**

- Title: National Workshop on Employment for Persons with Disability
- Date: 26 January, 2016 (8am - 5pm)
- Venue: Tonle Basac II Restaurant
- Organizers: EPC, CDMD, DDSP and KPF
- Tentative Participants: Around 70 Participants from different institution and stakeholders

### **WAsia Conference 2016 in Bangalore, India**

- Date: 25-27 August, 2016
- Host: Disability NGOs Alliance (DNA)

Disability NGOs Alliance, DNA will be a hosting organization for the WAsia Conference to be held in 25th – 27th August 2016 in Bangalore, India.

The Association of People with Disability, a WAsia member organization, takes a role as the Secretariat of the DNA.

The introduction of the DNA is as follows.

#### **Disability NGOs Alliance (DNA):**

DNA is a registered society. It is an organization of organizations. Founded & led by the leading Disability, Voluntary Organizations in the state. It is formed for enabling Disability NGOs in the state of Karnataka to work together for the growth of the Disability sector. The focus & drive is on the Growth & adopting the professionalism in the Sector, through its engagement with Government & Civil Society organizations: DNA creates platform for Disability NGOs, Experts in the sector to share their knowledge & skills with smaller and emerging NGOs to enhance their understanding, knowledge & transfer skills to them. And enable them cover new Geographies & to improve the Quality of interventions for PWDs.



## From the Secretariat ... cont.

### The IHC WI Conference 2016 in Auckland, NZ

- Date: 26-28 September, 2016
- Host: IHC
- Theme: Make it Work

### Make it WORK

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IHC Workability International Conference

Auckland, New Zealand, 26-28 September 2016

The IHC Workability International Conference 2016 theme is “Make it Work”. “Make it Work” has been chosen as it is deliberately directive and provocative.

“Make it Work” describes the urgent need for providers of disability support to adjust to a world where disabled people have voice, choice and control. The theme centres around the introduction of Individualised funding arrangements that are fast becoming the preferred choice for governments around the world.

Individualised funding will change the way disability service providers operate in terms of:

- new marketplaces
- new relationships and a need for new ways of being of service and being in business
- new partnerships between disabled people, families, providers and governments.

“Make it Work” also addresses the clear economic benefits, and the wellbeing benefits for all disabled people, communities and governments when all citizens are engaged in work that is paid or unpaid.

## Share your stories

The Workability Asia Newsletter would like to invite you to send an article your activities.

Share your knowledge and experience with WAsia members.

Please send your article (1-2 pages) with some photos for the next newsletter to WAsia secretary ([wasia@kyosaren.or.jp](mailto:wasia@kyosaren.or.jp)).

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