

CSD's Progress Report To Open Society Institute (OSI)

From June to September, 2010

During this period, the Center for Social Development (CSD) has accomplished the following activities:

1. Conference and meeting

The Center for Social Development (CSD) in cooperation with Transparency International (TI), Korean Association for Corruption Study (KACS) and some local NGOs, organized one symposium on "Fighting Corruption to Achieve Development" on August 23, 2010 at Sunway Hotel in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

Members of the National Assembly, High ranking officials of the Government, the Head of Anti-Corruption Unit of the Royal Government of Cambodia, the representatives of Ministry of Interior and Ministry of National Assembly and Senate Relation and Inspection, representative of TI Secretariat Berlin, Citizens, Students, representative of donors and Embassies, NGOs have attended the symposium.

The goal of the symposium is to share experiences between KACS and Cambodian counterpart in fighting corruption and the challenges they face as well as new opportunities in light of recent development and the enabling environment following the adaption of the Anti-Corruption Law and the establishment of the Anti-Corruption Unit as well as related institutions.

The symposium also discussed some key recommendations to all stakeholders in Cambodia and in Korea in order to promote more effectively integrity and transparency such as:

- The establishment of integrity system should be promoted through good governance process.
- The political parties should put democratic interest before party interests through practicing and adhering to democratic principles.
- To reduce collusion among politicians and businessmen, transparent policy making and administrative processes are essential.
- Strengthen democratic development and local government.
- The executive, legislative and judiciary should promote and guarantee freedom of expression and access to information, particular with regard to public services.
- Promote transparent revenue, budget and procurement process.
- Citizens should be encouraged to submit complaints on corruption issues.
- Encourage greater religious involvement such as ethical and moral values to enhance social integrity.

- Focus on both preventing and fighting corruption through raising public awareness, integrating.
- Develop a comprehensive anti-corruption strategy with focus on education on integrity at schools.

2. Research

During this period, under the funding support of JETRO in Bangkok, the Center for Social Development is conducting a survey on Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The aim of the survey is to the “connectivity” of the Economic Cooperation Program in the metropolitan areas of the three economic corridors of Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS). The survey is needed to make clear the locations of SEZ, ports and harbors, airport, and to make clear about the supply and demand of the above mentioned infrastructures. For this reason, the conducting of the special economic zone, ports & harbors, airports, roads and railways in metropolitan and border areas.

The detail final report will be informed later.

3. Radio Talk

During this period, the CSD has been invited to attend as speaker for radio talk on governance and on election respectively on 30 June, 30 July and 30 August 2010.

4. Publication

Under the funding support (Grant # ID 20025875) of the Open Society Institute (OSI), the Center for Social Development is able to reprint 3,000 copies of the “Fair Trial Book” that is a part of the court watch bulletin. The reprinting of this book is for response to the demand of the university students, especially students of the Phnom Penh University of Laws, NGOs and citizens and the participants of the anti-corruption symposium.

Now, a thousand copies of the books were distributed to students, NGOs, libraries. The remained copies the CSD will distribute to citizens after Phcum Ben ceremony and distribute to participants of CSD’s public forums.

5. On-Going Activities

Based on the spirit of the Fair Trial Book, CSD will conduct the radio talk on legal education. The citizens can be provided awareness from the speakers who are mainly judges and lawyers from governmental and non-governmental institutions and will speak about the fair legal and court procedures during the trial. The citizens can call-in to question, discuss and express their needs and concerns about the current court and legal system of Cambodia. A ten thousand of audiences can get awareness from this activity.