



**Award Ceremony**  
of the  
**Competition**  
for  
**More Transparency and Citizen Friendliness of the Capital and 23 Provinces in Cambodia**

**26 September 2013**  
**Hotel Sofitel Phokeethra**

## **Background**

For over ten years the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Office has been supporting the decentralization reform of the Royal Government of Cambodia. KAS developed several EU projects in order to implement local government structures at the municipal and provincial level. One of the most visible results was the piloting of the One Window Service Offices and the establishment of the District Ombudsman in Battambang and Siem Reap, which was later replicated to all provinces.

In 2010 KAS, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and the Ministry of Information (MoIN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on "IMPROVING OUTREACH, PUBLIC RELATION AND INFORMATION STRATEGIES ON SUB-NATIONAL LEVEL". In the framework of this program KAS together with the two ministries provided four training courses for the newly established spokespersons and information officers of the Capital and the 23 provincial administrations. In addition KAS assisted both ministries in formulating a joint inter-ministerial declaration as well as a "Sample By Law" for all provinces in order to establish a team in charge of information consisting of one capital/provincial deputy governor (chief of the team), one capital/provincial official (member of the team), one Information Department Official (member of the team) and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the team.

The highlight of this program for spokespersons and information officers was the "Competition for a transparent and citizen friendly Province". The provincial administrations and the administration of the capital Phnom Penh were invited to document their information, press and public relation work and send it to the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung for evaluation. A five-member jury evaluated the documents.

The workshop organized by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung will present the jury results to the participating provinces and will announce the three winners of the competition by the evaluation committee through an award ceremony presided over by H.E. Sar Kheng, Minister of Interior.

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**Draft Agenda**

03.00	Arrival of the participants	
03.00 - 03.15	Welcome remarks	Mr. Denis Schrey, Country Representative, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Cambodia
03.15 - 03.35	Opening speech	H.E. Khieu Kanharith, Minister of Information
03.35 - 04.10	General remarks on criteria and the results of the competition	Mr. Puy Kea
04.10 - 04.40	Presentation of the evaluation of the documents of the provinces	Mrs. Thida Khus
04.40 - 05.20	Feedback and Questions and Answers	All participants
05.20 - 06.00	Award speech and hand over of the certificates to the winners of the competition	Ministry of Interior H.E. Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior
06.00 - 06.15	Closing remarks	H.E. Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior
6.15 - 6.30	Group Photos Session	KAS
6.30 - 20.00	Common Dinner	KAS
End of Program		