

Workshop

“Sharing Experience about the Study Tour to Germany with provincial Information Officers”

**December 19, 2013
Phnom Penh, Hotel InterContinental**

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in Phnom Penh invited spokespersons and information officers from three provinces (Kandal, Kampong Speu and Preah Vihear), a representative of the Ministry of Information and a representative of the Interior Ministry, to a one-week study tour to Germany. The purpose of the trip was:

- to provide an insight into the work of spokespersons of different institutions and government levels in Germany
- to illustrate that active information policy is required by all governmental levels
- to emphasize the great responsibility of information officers on national and sub-national levels.

During a discussion at the end of the study tour, the participants rated the talks with their counterparts in Germany to be very interesting and expressed the wish to share the experiences with their colleagues from other provinces. KAS, Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Interior therefore decided to conduct a one-day workshop on sharing information and experience about the study tour to Germany.

Objectives of the workshop:

- to provide an insight into the work of spokespersons of different institutions and government levels in Germany
- to share the lessons learned in Germany
- to discuss how to strengthen the information policy in the provinces and in Phnom Penh

Participants of the workshop:

- Deputy governors in charge of information of 23 provinces and Phnom Penh
- Two information officers of 23 provinces and Phnom Penh

Program of the workshop

Time	Methodology	Topic	Remarks
7:30 – 8:00		Arrival of the participants	
8:00 – 8:15	Speech	Welcome remarks	Mr. Denis Schrey, Country Representative, KAS
8:15 – 8:30	Statement	Personal impressions of the study tour	Participants of Kandal Province
8:30 – 8:45	Statement	Personal impressions of the study tour	Participants of Kampong Speu Province
8:45 - 9:00	Statement	Personal impressions of the study tour	Participants of Preah Vihear Province
9:00 – 9:45	Presentation	Same Same - but different Short overview on the program of the study tour - similarities and differences between the work of information officers in Germany and Cambodia	Mr. Meas Kimsuon, Ministry of Information
9:45 - 10:00	Plenary	Questions and answers	Mr. Meas Kimsuon, Ministry of Information
10:00 -10:20	Coffee break		
10:20 -11:00	Presentation	Lessons learned in Germany	Mr. Sok Sothy, Ministry of Interior
11:00 –11:15	Plenary	Questions and answers	Mr. Sok Sothy, Ministry of Interior
11:15 –11:30	Plenary	Introduction to the task of working groups Facilitator divides participants in 3 or 4 working groups. The working groups have to discuss the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can we learn from the experience in Germany and how can we apply the lessons learned in our work in Cambodia? • What can we do in 2014? (develop some main activities for 2014) • What are the main challenges? 	The facilitator should ensure, that in each working group are one or two participants of the study tour
11:30 –13:00	Lunch break		
13:00 –14:15	Working	Each group selects a volunteer to	Mr. Meas Kimsuon

	groups	facilitate the discussion. Each group answers the three questions above	Mr. Sok Sothy Mrs. Oum Syvan
14:15 –15:00	Plenary	Facilitators of the working groups presents of the results of the discussion	
15:00 –15:30	Plenary	Discussion on the results of the working groups	Mr. Meas Kimsuon Mr. Sok Sothy Mrs. Oum Syvan Mrs. Ruth Gruber Mr. Denis Schrey
15:30 -15:45	Coffee break		
15:45 -16:00	Speech	Remarks to the participants	Mr. Denis Schrey, Country Representative, KAS
16:00 -16:30	Speech	Key note speech to the participants	H.E. Sak Setha, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior
16:30 -17:00	Speech	Key note Speech and Closing to the participants	H.E. Khieu Kanharith, Minister of Information
17:00	End of Program		