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## First Quarter Report *in Brief* January – March 2009

### SUMMARY

#### Activities for the Khmer Rouge Tribunal

This quarter the Legal Response Team provided 4170 document pages to the ECCC, defense council, and civil party lawyers. The team arranged a press conference between an S-21 child survivor and the two Vietnamese soldiers who found and filmed him. The team worked with clinics at two schools in the UK and US to draft memos on new issues before the Court for public distribution. Almost 100 law students applied to be legal associates at the Center in summer 2009.

#### Victim Participation Project

The Victim Participation (VPA) Team assisted S-21 survivors understand their options for participating in Case 001 (Duch), found legal representation for those who choose to participate as civil parties, and helped them attend the opening of trial. Team Leader Terith Chy helped plan and wrote the report “**A Thousand Voices**” based on a survey conducted by all DC-Cam staff of the views of 1100 Cambodians on whether or not more than the 5 persons in custody should be investigated. The team also assisted the Victims Unit deliver court notifications to complainants and civil parties.

#### Documentation and Exhibitions

The Documentation Team keyed/catalogued over 3314 records and worksheets this quarter, all of which were from the Swedish (D) collection. Backup copies were sent to the ECCC and Rutgers University.

The Exhibition, Drama, Museum Project Team is organizing an exhibition with Sweden's Living History Museum to be held in September 2009 in Sweden and working on a possible collaboration with a Holocaust museum in London. It also cooperated with Duch playwright Annemarie Prins in bringing a new play titled “Breaking the Silence,” designed to encourage survivors to talk about their experiences under the Khmer Rouge, to Phnom Penh and several provinces.

## Promoting Accountability Project

This quarter the Promoting Accountability Team leader was based in Vietnam so the project remained on hold. The report on his research in Vietnam will be available next quarter. PA staff assisted other projects, including the VPA team.

## Public Education and Outreach

This quarter the Living Documents Project brought 218 persons in five different groups to attend ECCC hearings, including the start of Case 001 (S-21). The team also conducted three village forums with around 230 persons, including participants of earlier hearings and their communities in Kampong Thom, Kampong Chhnang, and Prey Veng.

The Oral History Project Team leader, currently studying for a master's degree in the United States, wrote a letter for the Cham Muslim community to update them on the work of the ECCC. The volunteer team is compiling Cham village statistics for the forthcoming website, transcribing interviews, and developing a radio program.

The Phnom Penh Public Information Room received 484 visitors and visited Prey Veng province this quarter.

From March 29 to 31 Student Outreach Team, in partnership with United States Peace Corps volunteers, hosted a genocide education tour with 300 high school students and teachers from Battambang, Siem Reap, Kampong Cham, Kampot provinces, as well as Cham Muslim students from Phnom Penh. On March 19-23 the Student Outreach and Magazine teams traveled to Battambang province to participate in the 7th two-day Youth Festival organized by the Youth Cambodian Council and International Republic Institute.

The Film Team spent this quarter learning interview and technical techniques for filming and preserving interviews with survivors at the Shoah Foundation, an organization created by Hollywood filmmaker Steven Spielberg. While in California, the team is taping the testimonies of Cambodian survivors living in the Los Angeles and Long Beach Khmer communities.

The Victims of Torture Project Team visited Takeo, Kampot and Kandal provinces to train community leaders, provide psycho-education to villagers, and conduct follow up interviews with people identified as having symptoms of PTSD.

## Research, Translation and Publication

Neon Yin continued ongoing research on the history of the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Translation work on Getting Away with Genocide, Hill Tribes under the Khmer Rouge, and Brother Number One continues. Dara Vanthan is nearly finished editing the Khmer translation of The Khmer Rouge Tribunal by Dr. John Ciorciari.

## Magazine, Radio and Television

Three Khmer and one English issues of *Searching for the Truth* were published and distributed to commune and other office around the country, and provided to forums

organized by other NGOs. We continue to broadcast articles from *Searching for the Truth* and selections from Brother Enemy on FM 93.25 in Kampot province.

## Beyond the Khmer Rouge Tribunal

The Permanent Center team has completed the final draft of a fundraising brochure and now working with a Cambodian American artist on a logo for the Permanent Center. The Center also hired the Phnom Penh-based real estate law firm of Sciaroni and Associates to help finalize the land grant from the Government for the Permanent Center.

The Genocide Education Project Team finalized the teacher training guidebook, selected teacher trainers, and prepared for the teacher training to begin on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

# 1. THE KHMER ROUGE TRIBUNAL: ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 1) General News



### Substantive Proceedings Begin in S-21 Case: Duch Offers Apology

On March 30, the substantive phase of the S-21 trial began. At the first opportunity, *Duch* offered an apology to his victims and took full responsibility for the killings and torture at the prison. At the same time, he suggested that he was also a victim, as he was following orders from higher-ups and feared for the safety of his family if he didn't obey.

### 5<sup>th</sup> ECCC Plenary Held

From March 2-6, the ECCC held its fifth plenary session, during which it adopted amendments to 27 of the Court's Internal Rules, including changes recognizing the right to limited interlocutory appeal and to streamline victim participation.

### Co-Investigative Judges Charge Ieng Sary Lawyers with Breach of Confidentiality

On March 3, the Co-Investigative Judges issued an Order on Breach of Confidentiality of the Judicial Investigation following publication by the Ieng Sary Defense team of pleadings written by the team that have not been made public on the ECCC website. The CIJs ordered that the Defense Lawyers to remove "confidential" information from their website within 48 hours and reported them to their home bar associations. The lawyers are appealing, arguing that they did not reveal any information about the investigation. The Co-Prosecutor's have filed a supportive brief.

### Khieu Samphan Hearing on Extension of Provisional Detention



On February 27, the Pre-Trial Chamber held a hearing on Khieu's appeal against the extension of his provisional detention. Because Khieu's international lawyer, Jacques Verges, was unable to attend the hearing, the Pre-Trial Chamber adjourned it to April 4th.

#### *leng Sary* Hearing on Extension of Provisional Detention

On February 26, 2009, the Pre-Trial Chamber held a hearing on leng Sary's appeal against the extension of his provisional detention. Because of leng Sary's absence due to ill health, the hearing was adjourned to April 2nd.

#### *leng Thirith* Hearing on Extension of Provisional Detention

On February 24, 2009, the Pre-Trial Chamber held a hearing on leng Thirith's appeal against the extension of his provisional detention. leng Thirith told the judges that she was innocent and blamed Nuon Chea and Duch for murdering her students and other victims.

#### UN and Cambodian Government Discuss New Anti-Corruption Measures

On February 23, UN representatives met with H.E. Sok An, Chairman of the Royal Government Task Force on the Khmer Rouge Trials, and agreed to adopt parallel national and international mechanism to receive complaints and suggestions related to ethical concerns. Negotiations continued in April.

#### *Duch* Trial Official Starts

On February 17, the *Duch* trial official started with an initial hearing addressing preliminary legal and procedural issues having an impact on the conduct of the substantive trial and the scheduling of witnesses and experts.



#### 95 Victims Ask to Participate in *Duch* Case

The Victim's Unit announced that it had received 94 Civil Party applications related to Case 001/Tuol Sleng by the February 2 deadline established by the Trial Chamber. After the deadline an additional application was received by child Tuol Sleng survivor Norng Chan Phal; however, his application has yet to be accepted.

#### New International Pre-Trial Chamber Reserve Judge Appointed

On January 31, His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, appointed Florence Mumba (Zambia) as International Reserved Judge of the ECCC Pre-Trial Chamber.

#### Nuon Chea's Lawyers File Corruption-Related Complaint

In January, Nuon Chea's international co-lawyers filed a complaint with the Municipal Court of Phnom Pen, asking it to look into allegation of corruption on the national side of the ECCC. The complaint was dismissed in February.

## 2) Legal Response Team

### Documents Provided to the ECCC

This quarter the Response team responded to document requests from the Co-Prosecutors, defense teams, civil party teams, a Pre-Trial Chamber judge, and the Office of the Co-Investigating Judges.

| <b>Documents Provided to the ECCC, Quarter 1</b> |                |                 |              |              |
|--|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | <b>January</b> | <b>February</b> | <b>March</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Number of requests                               | 6              | 8               | 6            | 20           |
| Pages of documents                               | 1488           | 1278            | 1404         | 4170         |
| CDs of photographs                               | 0              | 0               | 0            | 0            |
| Film DVDs  | 5              | 0               | 0            | 0            |

### Other Activities

The team provided 5 documents totaling 435 pages to persons researching American MIAs.

On January 28, Victim Participation Team Leader Terith Chy and Legal Advisor Anne Heindel hosted around 30 ECCC interns. Mr. Chy told them about the work of the Center, and Director Youk Chhang showed them footage of Phnom Penh in 1979 that was recently obtained from the Vietnamese Government. The Open Society Justice Institute and the

Center for Social Development sent representatives to explain the work of their organizations.



Nong Chan Phal, S-21 child survivor at Tuol Sleng Museum

Response team leader Dara Vanthan and Victim Participation team leader traveled to Kampong Speu province to interview Nong Chan Phal, an S-21 child survivor who contacted DC-Cam after hearing about footage of him at S-21 that DC-Cam received from the Vietnamese Government last

December. Deputy Director Kok-Thy Eng then worked with the Cambodian Journalist Club to organize a press conference at the Cambodiana Hotel on February 16 with Nong Chan Phal and Ho Van They and Dinh Phong, the two Vietnamese videographers who found and filmed him at S-21 when they discovered it in January 1979. The conference was moderated by the president of the journalist club and the editor of Reaksmei Kampuchea Daily, Pen Samithi. More than 100 members of the local and international press participated. It was the first time Ho Van They and Dinh Phong had seen Nong Chan Phal in thirty years.



Nong Chan Phal and Family with Ho Van They and Dinh Phong at Tuol Sleng Museum

In January, the Response Team hosted Joanna Geneve, a third year Harvard Law student, who wrote a brief on the dispute between the Co-Prosecutors that was distributed to all Court offices. It is available at [www.dccam.org](http://www.dccam.org).

This semester the Response Team worked with two clinical programs: The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) Human Rights Clinic (UK), and the Seattle University School of Law's International Human Rights Law Clinic (USA).

- The SOAS clinic is drafting a memo on the nature of the ECCC closing order, the discretion do the Co-Investigative Judges have to cut crime scenes and not include or redefine charges requested by the Prosecution, and the Trial Chamber's authority to reduce the number of the crime scenes in the indictment.
- The Seattle clinic is analyzing the effect of the variation of the definition of genocide in the ECCC law from the wording of the Genocide Convention and possible issues that could be raised by the defense if this crime were charged. They are also drafting a simple history of the Genocide Convention for the Cambodian public.

Nearly 100 foreign law students from schools in the United States, Canada, England, France, and India applied to work as volunteer legal associates with the Centers' Legal Response team and Victim Participation Project in summer 2009. These included law students from Washington College of Law, University of Bath, UC Berkeley, Brooklyn Law, Columbia, City University of New York, Georgetown, George Washington, Harvard, Limerick, McGill, Northwestern, New York University, Ottawa, Rutgers, Seattle, Sorbonne, Temple, Tulane, UCLA, University of San Francisco, West Bengal, and Yale. A group of Cambodian law students applied and two were hired for internships that will start at the Center next quarter.

### 3) Victim Participation Project (VPA)

#### January highlights

As part of its ongoing efforts to collect information from victims about the types of reparations they would like to have from the Court, VPA staff made a list of reparations sought by victims from Kampot and Takeo provinces.

VPA made a field trip to meet with three S-21 related complainants to ask if they would like to change their mode of participation from complainants to civil parties. They all decided to do so, and VPA staff helped them complete the necessary paperwork. In addition to these three civil party applications, VPA submitted two S-21 civil party applications from foreigners from New Zealand and USA whose relatives were killed at Tuol Sleng.



VPA Staff member, Men Pichet, is assisting the villagers to fill out the ECCC complaint forms

The team also made two field trips to Kampong Chhnang and Kampong Thom to meet with the last two unrepresented civil parties in Case 001. Assisted by VPA, they both signed Power of Attorney Forms, designating Karim Khan, Alain Werner, Brianne McGonigle, and Ty Srinna, as their lawyers. All of 38 civil parties assisted by VPA in Case

001 now have representation from the Khan legal team. DC-Cam assisted civil parties in Case 001 are thus far the largest group, representing 40 percent of all civil parties in that case.

VPA translated 12 case-001 civil party applications from Khmer to English. The team also provided interpretation services to the Khan legal team when it met with its clients.

Starting in January, VPA has developed a chronology of events and developments related to victim participation.

Meetings attended in January include:

- 14 January: Terith Chy, VPA team leader, attended a conference arranged by Advocats Sans Frontiers on victim participation at the School for the Judicial Profession in Phnom Penh. The conference provided a basic overview of victim participation.
- 16 January: DC-Cam director Youk Chhang conducted a training session with staff and interns at the Victims Unit, Civil Party teams, and NGO staff. The training explained the types of documents available within the DC-Cam archives. Mr. Chhang told the group that he is available on Wednesdays to personally assist civil party lawyers searching for documents in preparation for trial proceedings.
- 21 January: Terith Chy attended a conference organized by the UC Berkeley Human Rights Center in conjunction with CHRAC to announce the results of a study on attitudes of Cambodians towards the Khmer Rouge tribunal.
- 22 January: Terith Chy met with KID's coordinator Poramy and discussed issues related to victim participation, such as legal representation and meetings of civil parties.
- 27 January: Terith Chy met with Keat Bophal, head of Victims Unit, concerning legal representation in Case 002.

## February highlights

The VPA team, supported by all DC-Cam staff, spent a week in the provinces collecting the views of 1100 Cambodians (an equal number of “new people,” “base people,” and youths 20-30) as to whether they wish to see prosecutions of only the 5 Khmer Rouge Leaders currently in custody, or of 5-10 more leaders as sought by the International Co-Prosecutor. The survey seeks to empower survivors of the KR regime and the younger generation by making their voices heard. ***“A Thousand Voices: Questions on Additional Recommendations as Proposed by the Co-Prosecutors of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC),”*** written by team leader Terith Chy and available at [http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/A Thousand Voices.pdf](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/A%20Thousand%20Voices.pdf), discusses the background to the dispute between the Co-Prosecutors, the methodology applied by DC-Cam in conducting the survey, and the survey's findings. These include that 41.4% of respondents want only the 5 in custody to be tried, 56.8% want more to be tried, and 1.7% don't have an opinion.

Also in February, the team completed a list of reparations sought by victims in Phnom Penh.

VPA invited 30 civil parties in Case 001 and 60 complainants in Case 002 to attend Duch's initial hearing on February 17. VPA staff was allocated to assist the Victims Unit prepare them for the initial hearing.

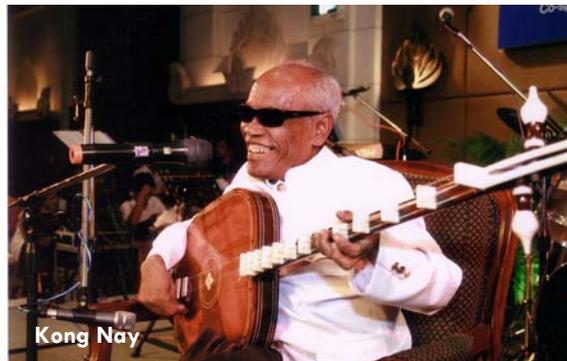
Four civil parties met with their lawyers at DC-Cam. Team Leader Terith Chy provided assistance to two civil parties from France by looking for documents about their relatives.

At the request of the Trial Chamber, VPA staff made a field trip to Kampong Thom and Kampong Cham to obtain copies of identification cards of two civil party applicants.

### March highlights

The project continued to assist survivors to register with the ECCC, while also continue to offer its support to those civil parties already joined to case 001. So far, VPA has assisted 38 civil parties to register with the Victims Unit and have all been recognized as civil parties.

For the first time, the ECCC's Victims Unit initiated a meeting of all civil parties joined to Case 001. The meeting was intentionally prepared to coincide with the trial of Duch. DC-Cam invited a famous long-neck Chapei singer (Kong Nay – also known as Cambodia's Steve Wonder!) and a A-yai singer (Prum Manh – a well-known comedian of Cambodia) to entertain the civil parties, knowing that they would be reliving



traumatic events again during the meeting. All participants expressed their appreciation for the contribution made by the presence of the two entertainers. During the performance, Prum Manh also shared with civil parties his personal experience of the Khmer Rouge regime during which his entire family, except for he and his brother, were lost to the regime. In total, 79 (30 of whom were invited by VPA) out of 94 civil parties were present for the informative meeting and the substantive hearing of Duch.

From March 17-27 VPA continued to deliver court notifications to complainants and civil parties in Kandal, Prey Veng, Svay Rieng, Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap, Kampot, Kampong Som and Koh Kong provinces. At the same time, VPA staff collected additional information from these persons at the request of the Victims Unit. In total, the project has delivered notifications to 74 individuals and collected additional information from 117 individuals.

Meetings attended in March include:

- 24 March: Team Leader Terith Chy and VPA advisor Sarah Thomas met with VU head Keat Bophal to discuss options for legal representation in case 002.
- 25 March: Terith Chy and Sarah Thomas and met with Jeanne Sulzer from OCIJ to discuss victim participation in Case 002.

#### 4) Translation

This quarter the Center translated **1170** pages for the ECCC. It responded to ECCC comments regarding the quality of the translation and converted the Khmer Truth Fonts that DC-Cam normally uses for to Unicode Fonts required by the Court. The team also corrected the transliteration of names to fit with the ECCC's requirements.

## 2. DOCUMENTATION

### 1) Cataloging and Database Management

This quarter the team continued cataloguing and keying into the MySQL biographical database the 15,018 documents, consisting of 52,609 pages, received from the University of Lund in February 2007. They have all been scanned as .tif documents and sent to the Office of the Co-Prosecutors.

| Database Management Activities, Quarter 1  |   |                                  |                   |
|--|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Month  | Activity  | Documents                        | Number of Records |
| January  | Keying documents  | Swedish documents (D Collection) | 337 records       |
|  | Cataloging  | Swedish documents (D Collection) | 225 worksheets    |
|  | Listing Documents   | Swedish documents (D Collection) | 600 records       |
| February   | Keying documents  | Swedish documents (D Collection) | 295 records       |
|  | Cataloging documents  | Swedish documents (D Collection) | 180 worksheets    |
|  | Listing documents   | Swedish documents (D Collection) | 600 records       |
| March  | Keying documents  | Swedish documents (D Collection) | 185 records       |
|  | Cataloging  | Swedish documents (D Collection) | 284 worksheets    |
|  | Listing documents   | D Collection                     | 608 records       |
|  | Editing   | D Collection                     | 697 records       |
|  | Arranging   | Magazine film                    | 2 albums          |
| <b>Total 1<sup>st</sup> quarter</b>  | 817 records keyed, 689 worksheets catalogued, 1808 documents listed |                                  |                   |
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| <p><b>B Collection:</b> Confessions from S-21 (Tuol Sleng Prison).</p> <p><b>BCB Collection:</b> Books written by foreign scholars on Khmer Rouge history or acts of genocide in Cambodia.</p> <p><b>D Collection:</b> Confessions; Khmer Rouge notebooks, biographies, and execution logs; interviews with former Khmer Rouge; books and articles, and post-1979 documents on the Khmer Rouge. The keying of this collection is somewhat behind schedule owing to the completion of work for the ECCC this quarter. Work on this collection also included editing spellings in both Khmer and English, and translation.</p> |   |                                  |                   |

| Database Management Activities, Quarter 1  |          |           |                   |
|--|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Month  | Activity | Documents | Number of Records |
| <p><b>J Collection:</b> Confessions from S-21 (Tuol Sleng Prison).</p> <p><b>L Collection:</b> Intelligence documents from the Lon Nol regime.</p> <p><b>R Collection:</b> Post-1979 petitions from the Cambodian people to the United Nations detailing atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge. The Access listing of this collection has proceeded as planned and is now complete. English and Khmer spellings were also corrected for the Access list.</p> <p><b>S Collection:</b> Interviews conducted by student volunteers.</p> <p><b>Y Collection:</b> Biographies of S-21 prisoners and government leaders during Democratic Kampuchea, collected from books and periodicals.</p> |          |           |                   |

## 2) Microfilming

All of the documents microfilmed this quarter were cross-checked and sent to DC-Cam's office at Rutgers University.

| Month                    | Activity        | Documents                                | Number of |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------|
| January                  | Microfilming    | D Collection                             | 7 reels   |
|                          | Developing film | D Collection                             | 7 reels   |
|                          | Duplicating     | D Collection                             | 10 reels  |
| February                 | Microfilming    | D Collection                             | 3 reels   |
| March                    | Microfilming    | D Collection                             | 5 reels   |
|                          | Developing film | D Collection                             | 5 reels   |
| <b>Total 1st quarter</b> |                 | 15 reels microfilmed; 12 reels developed |           |

## 3) Arts

### Exhibition, Drama, Museum Project Team

The Team is working on a possible collaboration with a Holocaust Museum in the UK that wants to bring DC-Cam's Tuol Sleng exhibition to London. It is also adding Khmer language descriptions to the Living Hell Exhibition at Tuol Sleng. The team is co-organizing an exhibition with Sweden's Living History Museum to be held in September 2009. The team is working with the museum to gather exhibition materials including artifacts (clothes, shackles, etc.), Khmer Rouge postcards, education books, films. Three DC-Cam staff will be attending the opening of the exhibition in Sweden.

Sayana Ser and Rasy Pong Pheng traveled to Takeo province with Professor Laurie Beth Clark and her colleague Dr. Michael Peterson of Wisconsin University, to tour memorials and killing sites. Professor Clark and Dr. Peterson are researching trauma tourism.

This quarter the Exhibition Team together with the Student Outreach Team cooperated with Annemarie Prins, a Dutch playwright and producer, and the Amerita Art organization, on a new play entitled "**Breaking the Silence,**" which is designed to help people speak more openly about their experiences under the Khmer Rouge.



The play has seven scenes taken from people's real life experiences, which the Student Outreach team helped edit in Khmer. The team also contributed suggestions on how to make the play completely Khmer in character, including speaking, ideas, proverbs, and songs, so that it will resonate with its intended rural Cambodian audience. The Team further helped find suitable places for the play to be performed. Performances began in Phnom Penh on Saturday February 21 and 22. As part of DC-Cam's outreach work, the play was performed in Kampong Cham province in February and Kandal, Takeo and Battambang provinces in March. It will later tour around the country.

In Kampong Cham, the play was performed in Rorkarpo Pram sub-district, Thbong Khmum district. The stage was setup within the courtyard of the Sub-district hall. As this is was the play's first tour, it took two days to prepare necessary logistics, stage design and setup, and sound to prepare for the show and collaborate with local authorities. Around 100 children sat on mats, 250 people sat behind them on chairs, and around 200 stood. The audience included a group of 35 students from Norway brought by DC-Cam. After the show, an old man stood up and asked to share the story of his imprisonment in Kampong Cham. He loved the show but emphasized that the KR members in the show were not nearly as cruel as in his experiences. DC-Cam Director Youk Chhang answered questions. A lot of youth asked questions such as, "Why Khmer kill Khmer," "How did such regime happen"? The second night approximately 400 people attended, including a group of 20 students from Thbong Khmum district high school.

In early March, the play continued to tour several places in Kandal and Takeo provinces. On March 1, the play was performed at the commune hall of Ampeou Prey commune, Kandal Stung district, Kandal province, to an audience of around 500 villagers and children. On March 7 and 8 the play was performed in Basre sub-district, Angkor Borei district of Takeo province. Around 600 people saw the play on the first day. Ms. Hang Ngy, 41, living in Ta Ei village Basre sub-district said, "This is the first time that there is an art performance about Khmer Rouge stories for villagers to see." March 10-11, the play was brought to Sala village, Tien sub-district, Kandal stung district, Kandal province. Um Tha, 42, the village chief, said that "I support having such narrative performances in my village in order to educate the next generation."

A song from the play which will be included in the Teacher's Guidebook on Genocide Education: ***"Transform the Blood River into a River of Reconciliation. A River of Responsibility. Break the Silence."***

**1137** people expressed their comments in the **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum** photo exhibition book this quarter.

Selected comments:

*Truly shocking and saddening experience. You can still feel the pain and suffering here. I will never forget the eyes of the detainees in the photos. And yet the world still stands by and allows Rwanda, Darfur to happen.*  
WR, London

*The natural beauty side-by-side with the human horror of this place reminds me of Robben Island. That the Cambodians have survived speaks to their strength and grace. May we all understand our responsibility in what happened in the past, and truly strike for a different future.*  
Erika, New York City

*What saddens me most after seeing this is that atrocities are still being committed around the world and everyone is still watching!! We do not seem to learn from the past!! My heart goes out to the survivors.*  
Bannjee, India

*A tribute to the to the Cambodians who have suffered so much yet still carry hope in their hearts and a willingness to survive. I am touched by that I have seen and will never forget this place and what it means for all humanity. May peace and love prevail for all eternity.*  
Pat, Australia

*This is the first time that I came here. I saw a lot of horrors movie and the cruel torture to Cambodian people. I hope that this thing not happen again in my country or in the world.*  
Ouk Samonn, Cambodia

### 3. PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY (PA)

This quarter the Promoting Accountability Team leader was based in Viet Nam. The report on his research in Viet Nam will be available next quarter. PA staff assisted other projects, including the VPA team.

### 4. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

#### 1) Living Documents Project

##### Kampong Thom Village Forum

In January, the team traveled to Stung district, Kampong Thom province, to conduct a film screening and village discussion on the ECCC and to inform people about Duch's initial hearing. The Team showed the film, *Preparing for*



*Justice*, to around 60-70 audience members comprising nuns, village chiefs, children, and commune members. A majority were elderly women. Then the team asked and answered questions about the ECCC. Although some audience were not familiar with the Court, they became engaged sharing their personal experiences during the KR regime, provided family tracing requests, and asked for help in filing complaints with the Court.

### Duch Initial Hearing February 17-18

In February, the Living Documents Project invited a group of 65 villagers to observe the first trial hearing for Kaing Guek Ie or Duch. The villagers came from 7 provinces: Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Kampong Chhnang, Kampot, Takeo, Prey Veng, Kandal, and Preah Vihear.

On the first day of the program, February 16, the group met at the Center and heard about Duch's biography, the subject matter of the initial hearing, and structure of the court. They also had an opportunity to watch the documentary film "Behind the Walls of S-21: Oral Histories from Tuol Sleng Prison," which tells the stories of two S-21 survivors and one prison guard. Four of the villagers were also assisted in filing complaints with the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. The second and third days of the program the participants observed the trial hearing. Afterward, some participants were interviewed. A full report of the program is available at [www.dccam.org](http://www.dccam.org).

The program received significant media attention. Media groups filmed the activities and conducted interviews with the villagers. Reuters News filmed the meeting and conducted interviews with a few villagers including a former Kraing Ta Chan's sub-chief. Radio Free Asia conducted two interviews with two Cham Muslims from Kampong Cham about their life experiences through the KR period. A Finnish freelance journalist conducted interviews with several of program participants for her report for a leading weekly news magazine *Suomen Kuvalehti* ([www.suomenkuvalehti.fi](http://www.suomenkuvalehti.fi)) about the trial hearings and villagers attending.

### Pre-Trial Extension Hearings February 24-27

The team brought three groups of students from the Royal University of Law and Economics to observe the hearings on the pre-trial extension appeals by Ieng Thirith, Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan:

- On February 24, 2009, a group of 40 students observed the appeal hearing on the extension of provisional detention made by Ieng Thirith, former minister of social affairs and health during the Democratic Kampuchea. The hearing ended at the midday after Ieng Thirith speaking alternatively in English and Khmer, told the court that she was innocent and blamed Nuon Chea and Duch for the murder of her students and other victims.
- On February 26, 2009, Living Documents team brought another group of 40 law students to see the public hearing on Ieng Sary's appeal against the extension of provisional detention. Because Ieng Sary was absent due to ill health the hearing was adjourned to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- On February 27, 2009, 123 students traveled to court to observe the appeal hearing of Khieu Samphan on extension of provisional detention. Because Khieu's

international lawyer was unable to attend the hearing, Khieu requested and the Pre-Trial Chamber agreed to adjourn until April 4.

### Kampong Chhnang Village Forum March 4-6

In Kampong Chhnang the team organized village forum with around 86 people, including a majority of Cham-Muslims. The forum was held in Chreh commune, Kampong Tralach district where a few village representatives who visited Duch's provisional detention pre-trial hearing related their observations and the team told participants about the opening of Duch's trial and the schedule for subsequent trial hearings. The team distributed to the participants "Searching for the Truth" magazine, leaflets about Gunnar Bergstrom's visit and the "Gunnar in Living Hell" photo exhibition last quarter, and a biography of Duch.

### Prey Veng Village Forum March 22-24

The team went to Svay Chhrum commune, Mesang district in Prey Veng to conduct a village forum with around 186 attendees. The meeting lasted for about two hours, during which participants from the Duch initial hearing offered their impressions, and they and the team answered questions and comments from the other meeting attendees. Two hearing participants, Poeu Ran and Sim Duong, spoke to about their



observation at the court hearing. They had looked forward to seeing those in custody convicted, although they did not know how long and in what way they were going to be convicted. Some questions from the audience included: How come the Court needs to conduct an investigation if evidence and witnesses are all in place around the country? Will the Court try those who have an equal position to Ieng Thirith? What will the Court do if suspects die? Is the Court concerned by the fact that the UN used to support the KR?

### S-21 (Duch) Case Substantive Hearing March 30-31

From March 29-31 the team brought a group of 50 villagers from Kampong Chhnang, Prey Veng, Kampong Cham, and Pursat to attend a legal training at the Center and to observe the first two days of the Duch substantive hearing. March 29<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the trip, included an introduction to the program and an explanation of the purposes for the visit. The participants learned about the development of and procedures followed by the Court. The group was informed about their right to participate in the Court's proceedings and was asked to share information about Duch's hearing with their community members. They also watched two documentary films, "Behind the Walls of S-21" and "Preparing for Justice," after which one of the participants spoke about his experience of being held in a KR prison. He described what he was accused of, how he was sent to prison, and the dangerous situation he faced.

The group then attended the opening of substantial trial hearing on Monday March 30. The president judge instructed the greffier to read the closing order against Duch, which

lasted the whole day. The following day, the Co-Prosecutors gave their opening statement and then Duch made a statement expressing his remorse and apology for the murders under his supervision. DC-Cam group reaction to Duch's words varied. Some thought it was good that he acknowledged the truth of the atrocities. However, they were not able to offer forgiveness to Duch due to the gravity of the crimes he committed at S-21. A few villagers who follow strict Buddhism thought his crimes were a consequence of the Duch's bad Karma for things he had done in the past, so he should accept the result from this karma. Villagers generally thought it was good that he said sorry to the victims; however, they did not want Duch to be free of the charges.

| <b>ECCC Tours/Hearing Attendees</b> | <b>Dates</b> | <b>Number of Participants</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|                                     | 2009         | 218                           |
|                                     | 2008         | 308                           |
|                                     | 2007         | 1,209                         |
|                                     | 2006         | 5,169                         |
| <b>Total to Date</b>                |              | <b>6,686</b>                  |

## 2) Cham Muslim Oral History Project (CMOHP)

This quarter the Oral History Project Team leader wrote a letter for the community updating them about the work of the ECCC. The letter is being sent in a package with "Searching for the Truth" magazine to the 395 mosques across the country.

Brian Calvert, Asia Pacific Correspondent for the radio program "Dispatches," by the Canada Broadcasting Corp., interviewed Sayana Ser for a report on Cambodia's Cham Muslims experience during and since the Khmer Rouge. It is available at:

<http://www.cba.ca/dispatches/thisseason/index.html>.



A survivor

The volunteer team is compiling Cham village statistics including the names and locations of mosques. So far, the team has received some data from Imam, Hakem and Tuan in 11 provinces and two cities. Sayana Say collected and typed up a list of common words used in the Cham Muslim Community and translated it into Khmer and English. The team is also working on transcribing interviews and creating a Radio

program. The team is seeking an IT consultant to design the Cham Muslim Oral History website, which will post, among other things, the locations of mosques, photos and interviews.

### 3) Public Information Room (PIR)

#### Activities in Phnom Penh

This quarter the Public Information Room received **484** visitors, both individuals and groups, who read documents, watched films, interviewed staff members, requested books and magazines, filmed staff members, conducted research for school, filled out ECCC complaints, toured the Center, and asked about missing family members.



#### January highlights

From Jan 26-28, a group of teachers and government workers from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Faculty of Pedagogy met with each other and the Genocide Education team to review the draft of the teacher guidebook for the “History of Democratic Kampuchea.” The meeting and discussion was held in the Public Information Room of DC-Cam where representatives watched documentary films donated by Vietnam.

#### February highlights

A group of eight students from the Institutes of Foreign Language and the National University of Management visited to read DC-Cam publications, learn about DC-Cam, and apply for to be volunteers. Chan Krisna from Kyodo News requested a copy of the “History of the Democratic Kampuchea” textbook. A group of 14 teachers from across the country came to collect DK textbooks as part of the Genocide Education project. A group of 33 students from Bergen University, Norway, visited the Center and watched the documentary film “Behind the Walls of S-21,” as part of their world religion study trip to Southeast Asia. Terith Chy gave them a tour of the Center and spoke to them to them about victim participation at the ECCC. Youk Chhang spoke on a number of issues including the Tribunal, Tuol Sleng, and Cambodian culture. He also invited the group to watch a performance of the play "Breaking the Silence" in Kampong Cham.

#### Selected Visitors to the PIR in the First Quarter

**Students:** Royal Academy, University of Virginia, University of Hall, UK, University of Oxford, UK, Royal University of Law and Economic, University of Wisconsin, Institute of Foreign Language, National University of Management, Australia Center of Education, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Royal University of Fine Arts, Panhasastra University, Cornell University, Tokyo University, University of Potsdam, Stanford University, and UKM Malaysia.

**NGOs:** CHRAC, Amrita, Bophana Center, Theatre works (Singapore), LAC, OSJI, Human Rights Watch,

**International Organizations:** ECCC, UNAKRT, UNHCR

**Media:** Radio Free Asia, Kyodo News, AFP, French TV, BBC, Cambodia Daily, Reuters News, Shomen Kuvaleht, CTN, Television Program of Columbia, Radio France, News Week, CNN, Radio Australia, Aljazeera TV, ABC Television, Straits Times, Asia Calling, and Swimming against the Tide.

## March highlights

A group of 28 facilitators and fellows from the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, visited the PIR to learn about DC-Cam's work and Cambodian history.

Due to the special occasion of the opening substantive trial hearing at the ECCC, PIR received journalists who interviewed the director, staff members, and villagers about the event. A group of 18 economics students from Stanford University toured the Center and met with the staff and Director. High school students from various provinces came for a genocide education visit for two days and used PIR as a meeting point.

Sopheak Sim assisted a reporter from CNN in looking for 4 photos of S-21 prisoners, dam construction site workers, and Khmer Rouge forces entering Phnom Penh; and Mr. Arielle Coopersmith find 12 photos of KR era skulls, mass graves, and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum.

### PIR Road Trips

On January 19, 2009, Public Information Room team screened two documentaries — *Preparing for Justice* and *Behind the walls of S-21: Oral Histories from Tuol Sleng Prison* — in Trapeang Sre commune, Mesang district, Prey Veng province. The purpose of screening was to inform the public about the work of the ECCC and to encourage Khmer Rouge survivors to speak out about what they had experienced during the Khmer Rouge regime.

### Activities in the United States

The satellite office at Rutgers University continues to host DC-Cam staff member Sok-Kheang Ly, where he is conducting research for his Ph.D.

## 4) Student Outreach

### Genocide Education Tour

From March 29 to 31 the team, in partnership with United States Peace Corps volunteers, hosted a genocide education tour with 300 high school students and teachers from Battambang, Siem Reap, Kampong Cham, Kampot provinces, as well as Cham Muslim students from Phnom Penh. The Tour aimed to promote an understanding of why and how the genocide happened, including an appreciation of its effects and an awareness of the many continuing challenges that remain. The goal is for future generations to continue preserving and honoring the memory and humanity of those who suffered under the Khmer Rouge regime. This is the first time that the Center has brought high school students from the provinces. Several media outlets covered the event including The Straits Times Singapore and AP.

Over 300 students, 40 teachers, and 8 U.S. Peace Corps volunteers from across Cambodia came to Phnom Penh to participate in the three-day tour. The group visited historical sites such as the Royal Palace, a symbol of Cambodia's venerated monarchy, and Wat Phnom, the legendary birth place of Phnom Penh.

Students also visited modern sites depicting the dark chapter of Cambodia's history, including the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (a former Khmer Rouge prison) and the ECCC.

Activities during the tour included watching the documentary film “Behind the wall of S-21” at the Senate. Beforehand, the group toured the premises and met with director Youk Chhang, who gave an introduction to the film and a handed out a paper entitled “Duch’s hearing: A turning point for Cambodia”. The people they met with include the vulnerable monk Su Soeum, who gave a speech on Good and Bad Deed and Kama in Buddhism; Professor Sambo Mannara, who talked about a brief history of the Democratic Kampuchea; and Mrs. Um Savoeun, a KR survivor and member of parliament. Each student participant received a package containing the textbook “A History of Democratic Kampuchea,” “Search for the Truth” magazine, and a notebook, pen and pencil.



### Youth Festival in Battambang

On March 19-23 the Student Outreach and the Magazine teams traveled to Battambang province to join the 7th two-day Youth Festival organized by the Youth Cambodian Council and International Republic Institute. The teams decorated the DC-Cam booth with lights and colorful fabric banner in Khmer with letters reading “Documentation Center of Cambodia, Search for the Truth, Memory and Justice.” On March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Festival opened with remarks by H.E Sieng Sut Thang, the provincial deputy governor, and several other guest speakers. Afterward, the delegates walked around to see the exhibition booths of NGOs, Associations, and private companies. There were youth activities including seminars and debaters on various subjects, concerts, and a singing competition. DC-Cam exhibited its publications in both Khmer and English and distributed free of charge 250 magazines in Khmer and 50 “History of Democratic Kampuchea” textbooks. Around 500 people visited the booth, including students, villagers, police officers, and monks. Kun Thoeun, a 22 year old monk, said, “I don’t believe that the Khmer Rouge forced people to do hard work, starve and kill people. So, I want to have some documents about the Khmer Rouge regime to read and try to understand more.”

### 5) Film Project

The Shoah Foundation, an organization created by Hollywood filmmaker Steven





Spielberg to film the oral histories of Holocaust survivors, has agreed to house and preserve the films of oral histories recorded by the DC-Cam film team. The team spent this quarter at the Shoah Foundation, where they learned techniques for interviewing survivors, including drafting a pre-interview questionnaire to use to gather specific biological information before the interview, preservation techniques, and audio and visual quality assurance during digitalization. While

in California, the team has begun taping the testimonies of Cambodian survivors living in the Los Angeles and Long Beach Khmer communities.

In January, the Film Team finalized the first draft of its documentary on Victim Participation. The final version of this documentary is expected in May, when the team returns from their internship at the Shoah Foundation.

Steven Okazaki, director of the film, "The Conscience of Nhem En," wrote to thank the Center for its advice, encouragement and assistance with his project, which was nominated for a 2009 Academy Award. Mr. Nhem was the S-21 photographer who took most of the victim portraits that are seen today at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum.

## 6) Family Tracing

Meng Nhem, Trapeang Ampil village, Kous sub-district, Tramkak district, Takeo province. When the Khmer Rouge took power in the village, his younger brother named Chum Chan, 14 years old, was selected to be in the army at Zone 13. Since then, he has disappeared.

Teng Chantha lives in Siem Reap Province. She has 5 children. When the Khmer Rouge took power in 1975, she was evacuated to countryside. In 1976, she was separated from her daughter named Nuon Sokhon Puong Maly, in Mong Russey, Battambang province region 2. After the Khmer Rouge collapsed, she never learned about what happened to her.

The relatives of Chan Kim Srung identified her as the "lady with a baby" in a big picture at Tuol Sleng genocide museum and requested the Center for documents about her and her family.

The Center received a request for information from Tuol Sleng and DC-Cam files about Ouk Keth or Keth Ouk, and Kimmy/Khim Ny Lor or Lau, however nothing has yet been found.

Chuop Rem, 71, lives in Samaky village, Angkor Chey sub-district, Angkor Chey district, Kampot province. She is for her daughter named Van Rum (present age: 38 years old), who she lost contact with when the Khmer Rouge took over in 1975. At that time, her daughter was sent to work salt field at Kep ruled by Koeun. Then her aunt named Vann Sien once met her near fish store at Anlong Tien village, Koh Andet district. After that, she disappeared.

Moch Chanpear Mier, lives in Neak Loeung village, Neak Loeung sub-district, Peam Ka district, Prey Veng province. He is now looking for his father named Moch Channary aka Leap whose hometown is Boeng Preah village, Boeng Preah sub-district, Ba Phnom district, Prey Veng province.

Chanpear Mier has lost contact with his father since he was order to take rice to Koh Rokar sub-district, Peam Chor district in April 1977.

## 7) Victims of Torture (VOT) Project

In January, the VOT team visited Takeo, Kampot, and Kandal provinces to train community leaders and provide psycho-education for villagers in locations where the team has conducted interviews to test for PTSD. The team also conducted follow up interviews with persons previously identified as having PTSD. In February, the team returned to Kampot and Kandal provinces to conduct these same activities with community leaders and villagers.



**Sous Sarin**, who is from Svay Rieng Province, was a civil party in the proceedings. Sarin is one of seven siblings, three of whom were killed during the Khmer Rouge and two of whom disappeared: Sous Sovann and Sous Mot. Sarin also has a younger sister, Sous Sovann, who was prisoner at Tuol Sleng (S-21) prison. Sarin died just a few months before the official start of Duch's trial. She never was able to see Duch tried for crimes against her sister and her relatives. Sarin's husband has applied to be a civil party but it is uncertain whether or not he will be allowed to represent her in the case.

## 8) Website Development ([www.dccam.org](http://www.dccam.org))

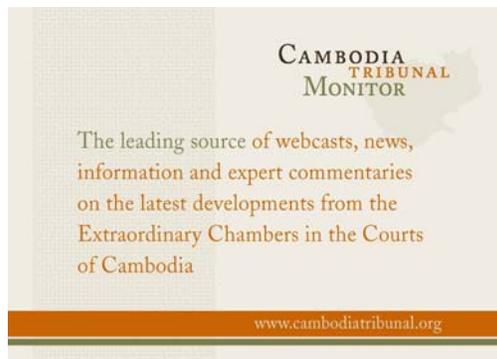
Selected New Postings

New items added to DC-Cam's website this quarter include:

- [Responding to the Cambodia Genocide: DC-Cam's Strategic Plan 2009-2011](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/Responding_to_the_Cambodian_Genocide_in_a_Global_Context.pdf)  
[http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/Responding\\_to\\_the\\_Cambodian\\_Genocide\\_in\\_a\\_Global\\_Context.pdf](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/Responding_to_the_Cambodian_Genocide_in_a_Global_Context.pdf)
- [A Public Survey on Additional Prosecution by Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia \(ECCC\) -- The Khmer Rouge Tribunal](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Tribunal_Response_Team/Victim_Participation/A_Public_Survey.htm)  
[http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Tribunal\\_Response\\_Team/Victim\\_Participation/A\\_Public\\_Survey.htm](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Tribunal_Response_Team/Victim_Participation/A_Public_Survey.htm)
- [Legal Brief on ECCC on the Dispute between the Co-Prosecutors by Joanna Geneve](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/Discussion_on_ECCC_Additional_Prosecutions.htm)  
[http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/Discussion\\_on\\_ECCC\\_Additional\\_Prosecutions.htm](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/Discussion_on_ECCC_Additional_Prosecutions.htm)
- [Duch's Hearing: A Turning Point for Cambodia](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/Duch's_Hearing_A_Turning_Point_for_Cambodia.htm)  
[http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/Duch's\\_Hearing\\_A\\_Turning\\_Point\\_for\\_Cambodia.htm](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/Duch's_Hearing_A_Turning_Point_for_Cambodia.htm)
- [The Young Nuon Chea in Bangkok \(1942-1950\)](#)

- [http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/Young\\_Nuon\\_Chea\\_and\\_the\\_CPT\\_\(Journal\\_of\\_Asia-Pacific\\_Studies,No.12,E.Murashima\).pdf](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/Young_Nuon_Chea_and_the_CPT_(Journal_of_Asia-Pacific_Studies,No.12,E.Murashima).pdf)
- The Khmer Rouge Tribunal: Justice for Genocide in Cambodia? by Dr Wendy Lambourne, University of Sydney  
[http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/The\\_Khmer\\_Rouge\\_Tribunal.htm](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/The_Khmer_Rouge_Tribunal.htm)
  - Joint Trials and the ECCC, by Marwan Sehwal  
[http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/Joint\\_Trials\\_and\\_the\\_ECCC.pdf](http://www.dccam.org/Tribunal/Analysis/pdf/Joint_Trials_and_the_ECCC.pdf)
  - Introduction to Breaking the Silence by Youk Chhang  
[http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Radio/Breaking\\_the\\_Silence.htm](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Radio/Breaking_the_Silence.htm)
  - Forensic Pathology and Anthropology of Historical Mass Killing in Cambodia  
[http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Forensic\\_Study/pdf/Forensic\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Forensic_Study/pdf/Forensic_Final_Report.pdf)
  - Report on Duch's Initial Hearing by Savina Sirik  
[http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Living\\_Doc/pdf/Report\\_on\\_Duch\\_Initial\\_Hearing\\_Feb\\_17-18.pdf](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Living_Doc/pdf/Report_on_Duch_Initial_Hearing_Feb_17-18.pdf)
  - Report on the Play "Breaking the Silence" by Sayana Ser  
[http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Living\\_Doc/pdf/Breaking\\_the\\_Silence.pdf](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Living_Doc/pdf/Breaking_the_Silence.pdf)
  - "Breaking the Silence" Poster  
[http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Radio/Poster\\_Breaking-the-Silence.jpg](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Radio/Poster_Breaking-the-Silence.jpg)
  - 2008 4th Quarterly Report  
[http://www.dccam.org/About/Annual/pdf/DC-Cam\\_2008\\_Quarter\\_4th\\_Report.pdf](http://www.dccam.org/About/Annual/pdf/DC-Cam_2008_Quarter_4th_Report.pdf)
  - Genocide Education Poster  
[http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Genocide/pdf/Genocide\\_Education\\_Poster.pdf](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Genocide/pdf/Genocide_Education_Poster.pdf)
  - Searching for the Truth Magazine Issues 109, 110, 111  
[http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Magazines/Kh\\_magazine.htm](http://www.dccam.org/Projects/Magazines/Kh_magazine.htm)

## 9) Cambodia Tribunal Monitor Website



New Postings on the Cambodia Tribunal Website ([www.cambodiatribunal.org](http://www.cambodiatribunal.org)) include Duch's initial hearing, the first two days of substantive hearings in the *Duch* case, the reading of the Ieng Sary pre-trial detention decision, and Khieu Samphan's hearing on translation. This quarter the team also distributed a flyer about the website at 3 high schools, 4 universities, and in the Public Information Room.

## 5. RESEARCH, TRANSLATION, AND PUBLICATION

### 1) Historical Research and Writing



## 2) Radio Broadcasts

This year Radio FM 93.25 in Kampot province broadcast DC-Cam publications seven days a week, two times a day, from 7 to 7:30 am and 7 to 7:30 pm, including selections from *Searching for the Truth* magazine, Brother Enemy, History of Democratic Kampuchea, and Journey to Freedom.

## 3) Television Interviews

On February 23, Deputy Director Dara Vanthan was a guest speaker on Aspara TV 11's "Women Focus" program, which addressed the *Duch* initial hearing.

# 7. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

## 1) Advanced Degree Training

Eight DC-Cam staff members undertook advanced degree programs abroad this quarter:

- Soheat Nhean is studying for a master's degree in cultural anthropology at Northern Illinois University (US)
- Kamboly Dy is studying for a PhD in global affairs at Rutgers University (US).
- Sophary Noy is studying for an LL.M in human rights law at Hong Kong University
- Sok-Kheang Ly is conducting research for a PhD in peace and reconciliation studies at Coventry University (UK).
- Pivone Beang is studying for a master's degree in international museum studies at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden)
- Farina So is studying for a master's degree in international studies at Ohio University (US).
- Dany Long is conducting research with the Faculty of Anthropology at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam University Ho Chi Minh City (VN).
- Charya Chum is studying for an LL.M. at Temple School of Law (US).



Charya Chum receiving a prize for work in public international and human rights law

## 2) Training

With support from the Soros Foundation, this quarter the film team (team leader Leng Ratanak, Bunthy Chey, and Fatily Sa), received training on techniques for interviewing survivors at Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation at the University of Southern California.

## 8. MEDIA COVERAGE

### 1) Selected Articles by DC-Cam Staff, Advisors, and Legal Associates

Youk Chhang, *Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam)*, Hiroshima Peace Media, Mar. 2, 2009 (discussing the Center's future plans and museum and exhibition activities)

### 2) Selected Articles Featuring DC-Cam

Ben Ehrenreich, *Cambodia's Wandering Dead: The Ghosts of Genocide Pay Penance for Western Guilt*, Harpers Magazine April 2009

Sim Chi Yin, *Cambodia's Youth Confront a Brutal Past*, [http://www.straitstimes.com/Asia/South-east%2BAsia/Story/STISStory\\_356234.html](http://www.straitstimes.com/Asia/South-east%2BAsia/Story/STISStory_356234.html), Mar. 30, 2009

Georgia Wilkins, *DC-Cam Requests Public Holiday for the First Day of Duch Trial*, Phnom Penh Post, Mar. 26, 2009

Sally McGrane, *A Drama of Closure for Victims and Perpetrators of the Khmer Rouge*, International Herald Tribune, Mar. 13, 2009

Men Kim Seng, *As Khmer Rouge Trials Come, Center Looks Ahead*, VOA Khmer, Mar. 10, 2009

Kong Sothanarith, *Survey Finds Divide on Tribunal Indictments*, VOA Khmer, Mar. 11, 2009

Somanos Sar, *King Father's Bequeathal of Documents to France Shows Lack of Trust*, Phnom Penh Post, Mar. 3, 2009

Taing Sarada, *Play Aims for Khmer Rouge Reconciliation*, VOA Khmer, Feb. 23, 2009

Men Kim Seng, *Researchers Trained in Video Documentation*, VOA Khmer, Feb. 23, 2009

Robbie Hart, *Genos.Cide: The Great Challenge*, McGill Faculty of Law/ADOBE, Feb., 2009

Douglas Gillison, *Spielberg Foundation to Archive DC-Cam Films*, Cambodia Daily Jan. 30, 2009

La Yom, *Survey on K Rouge Leaders' Trials*, Rasmei Kampuchea, Jan. 28, 2009

Robbie Corey-Boulet, *Trials, Tribulations and Textbooks: Govt, DC-Cam review KR teaching*, Phnom Penh Post, Jan. 21, 2009

Brian Eads, *Youk Chhang's Journey to Justice: One man's fight to ensure the voice of justice is finally heard in Cambodia*, Reader's Digest, Jan., 2009.

## 9. BEYOND THE KHMER ROUGE TRIBUNAL

### 1) Permanent Center

The team has completed the final draft of a fundraising brochure and now working with a Cambodian American artist on a logo for the Permanent Center. The logo will honor the efforts of Cambodian women, who make up the majority of survivors and have been instrumental in revitalizing society after the Khmer Rouge period.

The Center hired the Phnom Penh-based real estate law firm of Sciaroni and Associates to help finalize the land grant from the Government for the Permanent Center. Sciaroni has explained the legal options for transfer, including each one's benefits and drawbacks, and the Ministry will decide soon by which mode it will make the transfer.

A consultant has been hired to research Museum programming for the new Permanent Center, including both technical and social functions of genocide museums around the world.

A research work on the Permanent Center's design has been completed by the students from Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation under the Prof. Markus Dochantschi & Prof. David Salazar at Columbia University, USA.

Some images from the student research, summary of works: 1) Top black & white by Otis Berkin, Joshua Padgett. 2) Three green colored images bottom right by Charly Alazraki, Alexandros Avlonitis. 3) Blue colored image bottom by David Gonzalez.





A team of Columbia University students conducted research throughout the fall of 2008, visiting Phnom Penh to learn about the physical, social, and historical context of the Sleuk Rith Institute and to interact with Cambodian colleagues. The intensive student workshop culminated in a successful jury competition on December 4, 2008. These students are in their final year of a Masters of Architecture degree at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP).

They have also received degrees from the following universities: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece; Ecole d'Architecture de la Villette, Paris; Politecnico di Milano, Italy; Escuela Tecnica Superior de Arquitectura de Barcelona, Spain; New York Institute of Technology, USA; Dong Eui University, Busan, Korea; University of Tennessee; Denmark International study program; Florida Atlantic University; Ohio State University; University of North Carolina; University of Auckland, New Zealand; The Cooper Union and Columbia University in New York.

## 2) Genocide Education

The Genocide Education Project launched in January 2008 and is scheduled to wrap up in July 2010. The project aims to use the DC-Cam-published [A History of Democratic Kampuchea \(1975-1979\)](#), authored by project team leader Khamboly Dy, as core reference for high school students and teachers throughout Cambodia. The core activities of the project include:

- Working with four departments of the Ministry of Education to train 24 national trainers, 187 provincial trainers, and over 3,000 history and morality teachers nationwide, ensuring that they have a thorough knowledge of Khmer Rouge history and are able to teach the history to students objectively and pedagogically.

- Working with the Cambodian Ministry of Education to incorporate part of A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979) into high school social study textbook as part of the formal education on the Khmer Rouge history in Cambodian classrooms.
- Working with both international and national partners, including professors, and education and curriculum development experts, to produce two kinds of guidebooks (teacher guidebook and student workbook) for formal instruction in school.
- Translating the history book into five additional languages (French, Chinese, Japanese, Thai and Vietnamese) to educate Cambodian diasporas and people in the region and the world at large about the Khmer Rouge period, thereby contributing to the global movement on genocide prevention and genocide awareness.
- Publishing 175,000 additional copies of the history book in Khmer and 50,000 copies in English to share to trainees during the trainings and students from 1321 high schools across Cambodia as well as interested individuals.

This quarter's activities included:

- Editing and Finalizing and publishing the teacher's guidebook (English and Khmer).
- Preparing a draft certificate to be given to all participants at the upcoming trainings.
- Writing a letter to the Director of Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum to ask for two staff to attend the training on genocide education in Cambodia, which is to take place starting on June 29, 2009.
- Preparing for and holding another meeting with the 24 officials from the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports to finalize the teacher guidebook before publication.
- Advertising "A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)" with posters and in newspapers.
- Holding a ceremony to mark the official handing over of the history book to the Ministry of Education Youths and Sports for nationwide distribution.
- Selecting 2 national trainers: Prof. Sambo Manara and Prof. Ros Chantra Both; 7 international trainers: Prof. David Chandler, Prof. Frank Chalk, Prof. Alex Hinton, Dr. Chea Phalla, Chris Dearing, Prof. Miriam Morgenstern and Prof. Beth Van Schaack; and 24 trainees from Ministry of Education Youths and Sports.
- Finalizing the teacher training program/schedule.
- Finalizing Genocide Education's concept paper and MoU with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.
- Searching for an appropriate certificate for the trainees.
- Editing and finalizing the translation of "A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)" in French, Vietnamese and Chinese languages.



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