



Report of the World Sight Day

October 10, 2013

Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital (CTEH) organized the World Sight Day on October 10, 2013 in collaboration with Takeo Provincial Health Department (PHD), and other partners such as Daughter of Charity, CBM, ABC Tissue Vision, Welde Ganzen, Caritas Cambodia, Takeo Provincial of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation, Women Affair, Our Objective Organization, Cambodian Development Mission for Disability-CDMD, Cambodian Disability People Organization, and Peace and Development Aid Organization. The theme for the World Sight Day is **Universal Eye Health** with call to action: **Get your Eyes Tested**. The purpose of the event is to promote for poor people especially vulnerable and people with disabilities to access free comprehensive eye care services at CTEH in order to reduce avoidable blindness in Cambodia.

Crowded patients came to register in early morning before starting the meaningful speeches of Te Serey Bonn, Program Director of CTEH, about the project profile and the purpose of the World Sight Day, Mr Lay Sambath, deputy director of Caritas Cambodia, who presented the important role in collaboration with other sectors in eye health, woman with disability Ms. Som Pot with bilateral blindness, represented the people with disabilities, she expressed her feeling and experiences related with her eyes that caused blindness and how her life changed after she received some training from CDMD.

Mr. Som Um Monira, director of Takeo Provincial of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation, presented the disability situation in Takeo Province, Ms. Lim Bunly, director of Women Affair, about women's situation in eye health, and Dr. Nut Sinat, deputy director of PHD, expressed the eye health and health situation in Takeo Province.

The patient's flow of services was well managed technically with closed monitoring from each chief of department to avoid patients to be bored while waiting to get the eye care services and to ensure each patient gets comprehensive eye care services and satisfied while waiting. However, everything was organized and responded to all cases without complications, so there were 415 patients had the eye consultation and 28 patients with eye surgery. The rest 68 patients will be operated on the following days.

The highlight activity of the event was published through Kampuchea Thmey newspaper issued on October 11, 2013 and CTN television on October 10, 2013 at news program. The purpose of the publication is made the populations be aware of CTEH's services and to encourage them to have the eye check-up and access available comprehensive eye care services whenever they have eye problems. On behalf of CTEH, we really appreciate all donors who always support CTEH to organize this event in participating to prevent and reduce blindness in Cambodia.

Ceremony



Speeches of the delegations



Speech from the representative of people with disabilities



VA tested



Eye check up



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