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A mobile app which allows the users to track bribery at a glance

Phnom Penh, 29/05/2014 – Transparency International Cambodia (TI Cambodia) collaborates with Development Innovations, a 3-year USAID-funded project, to launch a Cambodian version of Bribespot, a mobile app which allows all smartphone users to report immediately and effectively when they encounter bribery. The launch will take place at Development Innovations on 29 May, 2014 from 4:00pm.

Bribespot was first launched in August, 2013 and becomes available worldwide. Its system is simple, anonymous and convenient. The public can post in real time via the application when they encounter any public service bribery.

“We are very excited to be working alongside TI Cambodia and hope that this initiative will not only provide Cambodian people with a convenient way to report daily incidents, but - even more importantly – becomes a valuable source of useful tips and professional advice on how to deal with bribe demands,” said Artas Bartas, the founder of the Bribespot.

The local version of the Bribespot which will be featured at the launch event is available as a smartphone app (Android, iOS) and a website to which reports can be submitted and then mapped online via Google map. The public will be able to pinpoint where and to whom they have paid a bribe, the type of bribery involved and the amount of the bribe.

Transparency International's latest Global Corruption Barometer indicates that over the last two years at least 57% of Cambodian people have paid a bribe to at least one of the public institutions mostly to the judicial sector, followed by police and registry or permit service. The same Barometer also shows that 77% of the people are willing to report an incident of corruption. While Transparency International reports/surveys offer a big picture, an initiative of Bribespot has the potential to provide a snapshot of the bribery in Cambodia.

“It becomes clear to us now that more and more Cambodian people are increasingly intolerant of corruption. We encourage them to turn their frustration and anger about corruption into action; one of which is to report corruption incidents that they are facing or witnessing via Bribespot,” said Preap Kol, Executive Director of Transparency International Cambodia. “Additionally, people who do not use a smartphone can also report on all kinds of corruption via our hotline numbers 1292 or 7777.”

He continues, “On top of this, the people shall continue demanding and pressuring government leaders and politicians to stop corrupt practices immediately and take effective action to hold those corrupt officials accountable without exception.”

While Bribespot provides a channel for reporting bribery, it can only draw attention to incidents of bribery in different locations and provide useful tips and advice on how people can best respond to such incidents. TI Cambodia will work with different stakeholders and competent authorities to address the reported bribes and use the data for its broader advocacy purposes.

Bribespot has taken every possible step to protect the users' identity and ensure confidentiality. There is no registration - no personal data or IP address is collected or stored by Bribespot and possible mechanisms are in place to ensure that information cannot be tracked back to users.

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