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U.S. and Korean Aid Agencies Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Support Cambodian Education System

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The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide Information and Communications Technology training to Cambodian schoolchildren.

On August 12, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the U.S. Embassy to provide Information and Communications Technology (ICT) training to Cambodian schoolchildren in support of the Royal Government of Cambodia's Education Strategic Plan.

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USAID-supported education sites in Siem Reap, Kratie, and Kampong Cham. KOICA volunteers with ICT experience will teach computer skills to schoolchildren in USAID-supported computer labs.

"Cambodia is a young society, with approximately half of the population under 25 years of age," said USAID/Cambodia Mission Director Rebecca Black. "With such a large youth population, it makes sense for international donors to focus investment on the education sector. This agreement will allow



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USAID and KOICA to work together to bring essential training to students in three provinces.”

USAID/Cambodia offers a number of programs to support improved quality and access of basic education for Cambodia’s youth, including scholarships for vulnerable youth, school improvement grants, development and testing of curricula, and training for teachers, NGO staff, and government officials.

USAID was founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy and serves as the lead agency of the U.S. Government for foreign assistance. Since 1992, USAID has invested approximately \$1 billion towards Cambodia’s development.



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