

## We Ring the Bell- March 2017



"We ring the bell" is a campaign that the Rabbit School runs with a number of local partner schools. In March 2017, the event was held in conjunction with five schools in the Pouk district in Siem Reap province. The event offers a chance for students, teachers, parents, school directors, and other local education officials to meet and learn about the rights of children with intellectual disabilities. After a day of discussion and sharing of ideas, all the people gathered come together to ring bells and other percussion objects as a symbolic display of unity and oneness.

The event was attended by Mr. Veng Kimheng, a Director of Primary Schools, Youth and Sport in Siem Reap province, who noted that the day offers an opportunity for everyone in the community to become more educated on the topic of children with intellectual disabilities. He also added that this event offers a unique opportunity for officials to have face to face discussions with parents and teachers who care for and work with disabled children on a daily basis.



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The event in Siem Reap was attended by a large number of representatives from local government, as well as a number of local NGOs. 38 parents were also present with their disabled children, along with 36 government teachers and 900 public school children. The Rabbit School would like to thank our NGO partners, like The Liliane Foundation, whose generous support make events like "we ring the bell" possible.

## International Children's Day Scholarships



On May 31<sup>st</sup> 2017, the Rabbit School held an event at Knat primary school, in Siem Reap province to celebrate International Children's Day. At this event, 30 children with intellectual disabilities, who are from disadvantaged backgrounds, were awarded scholarships by Rabbit School.

The event attracted a large number of people, including over 280 students, 30 parents of children with intellectual disabilities, and a number of local school officials. The District education director of Pourk district, Mr. Ke Vanny delivered closing remarks for the event. The director highlighted the rights that are given to children with intellectual disabilities under Cambodian law, and also praised the event as an important opportunity to highlight the need to educate all children so that they can reach their full potential.



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