



Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT)  
Provincial Rural Infrastructure Project (PRIP)  
IDA Credit no. 3822KH

## Report on the National Workshop on Road Safety At Sunway Hotel on 29 March 2011





## **Table of Contents**

- I.** Background
- II.** Road Accidents in and Initiative in Cambodia
- III.** Objectives of Workshop
- IV.** Activities of the Workshop
- V.** Proposed Workshop Program
- VI.** Actual Activities of the Workshop
- VII.** Conclusion
- VIII.** Annex 1: Actual Workshop Program
- IX.** Annex 2: Welcome Remarks by H.E. Lim Sidenine, Project Director of PRIP-MPWT
- X.** Annex 3: Opening Speech by H.E. Tram Iv Tek, Minister of MPWT
- XI.** Annex 4: Closing Speech by H.E. Lim Sidenine, Project Director of PRIP MPWT
- XII.** Annex 5: Presentation of the Report on Road Accident by HIB
- XIII.** Annex 6: Presentation of the Report on Drivers' Behaviors
- XIV.** Annex 7: Presentation of the Report on the Law Enforcement by NPCG
- XV.** Annex 8: Presentation of the Report on the Law Enforcement by MPCPP
- XVI.** Annex 9: Presentation of the Report on the Achievements of NRSC of 5 Year Plan
- XVII.** Annex 10: Presentation of the 10 Year Action Plan of NRSC
- XVIII.** Annex 11: Overview of Road Safety Project Phase 2 by World Health Organization
- XIX.** Annex 12 Attendance Lists
- XX.** Annex 13: Receipt list of Materials



# **Report on the National Workshop on Road Safety At Sunway Hotel on 29 March 2011**

## **I. Background**

1. Provincial Rural Infrastructure Project (PRIP), which is funded by credit no. 3822-KH and PHRD Grant TF056974, is programmed for three years commencing 1 September 2003; with possible extension for two years. PRIP will strengthen systems to support road management and development by Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) and their provincial departments in four provinces: Siem Reap, Oddar Meanchey, Preah Vihea and Kampong Thom. Last year, the Closing Date of the project was extended till 31 December 2011.
2. PRIP will assist in establishing processes and systems for provincial-level management of secondary (other national) roads (SR), provincial roads (PR), and tertiary (rural) roads (RR). MPWT is responsible for the SR and PR; MRD is responsible for RR. Systems to be improved include participatory planning, selection, procurement, contract management, financial management, monitoring of works and interaction with national authorities. Programs to increase awareness and participation will be provided.
3. The overall goals of PRIP are to:
  - reduce rural poverty;
  - expand economic and social development; and
  - contribute to national re-integration after decades of war and disruption.
4. The development of objective of PRIP is to provide sustainable, year-round, and safe improvements in accessibility to increase the responsibility of provincial agencies and the local communities in road planning, management and maintenance.

## **II. Road Accidents in and Initiatives in Cambodia**

5. Every day more than 4 persons die and more than 70 others are injured on the roads of Cambodia<sup>1</sup>. Over the last 5 years, the number of road accidents has increased by 142% and the number of fatalities has almost doubled. Rapid rise in motorization and improvement of the road network (allowing speed increases) make traffic become more and more complex, and injury and death are expected to become endemic unless clear action is undertaken. Cambodia is at the bottom of its motorization curve and exponential growth can be expected for the forth coming years.
6. For those reasons, NGOs active in the road safety in Cambodia (HIB, CRC, JICA, CRY, DATE, and CAID) have decided to put resources together to implement several road traffic injury prevention activities, in the framework of the Cambodia National Road Safety Action Plan, in collaboration with the National Road Safety Committee (NRSC).

## **III. Objectives of Workshop**

7. The workshop which will be held by PRIP MPWT in the coordination with General Department of Transport as the General Secretariat of National Road Safety Committee of the MPWT is aimed to:
  - Raise awareness on road safety to different stakeholders;
  - Maintain order and safety on the roads of Cambodia;
  - Minimize the road accident in Cambodia;
  - Reduce the poverty resulting from the effects of the road accidents; and

---

<sup>1</sup> Road Traffic Accident and Victim Information System Annual Report 2009 by HIB.

- Achieve one of the project objective and the Community Awareness Program.

#### IV. Activities of Workshop

- The event will be classified into two main activities: awareness raised through the workshop and media broadcast on TV about the workshop. The distribution posters, booklets and stickers of the road safety to the participants in order to raise awareness at their offices.
- To distribute the leaflets, posters, booklets and stickers of the road safety to the participants, especially the provincial departments. Each department will get the materials as below:
 

1- Poster of overloading	=	20
2- Poster of over speeding	=	20
3- Booklet of 10 points for road safety	=	8
4- Sticker of six wrong and right behaviors	=	20
5- Booklet of motor driving guidelines	=	20
6- Booklet of updated Traffic sign	=	1
- Even though the amount of the material is less, but it can raise awareness to the whole officials at the provincial departments and they can share their knowledge for the workshop with the other people at his or her province. This is part of a small community awareness activity.
- There will be around 250 participants comprising of concerned officials of Ministry of Public Works and Transport, and provincial departments; ministries; Transport Associations; Transport companies; Police, Military Police; Development Partners; and NGOs.

#### V. Proposed Workshop Program

- The workshop program is as follow:

08:00-08:30:	Registration
08:30-08:50:	National Anthem Welcome Remarks by NRSC Working Group
08:50-09:10:	Welcome Speech by HE. Lim Sedenine, Project Director of PRIP
09:10-09:30:	Opening Speech by HE. Tram Iv Tek, Minister of MPWT and Chairman of NRSC
09:20-10:00:	Presentation on Report of Road Accidents regarding Helmet Wearing, and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol and Over Speeding by Handicap International Belgium
10:00-10:20:	Coffee Break
10:20-11:00:	Presentation of the Research on the Behaviors towards Helmet Wearing and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol and speeding by Handicap International Belgium

11:00-12:00:	Presentation of the experience in the reinforcement of traffic law regarding Helmet Wearing and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol and speeding by Police Commissioner of Phnom Penh
12:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-14:40	Presentation of the implementation on the Action Plan of Road Safety in Cambodia (2006-2010) by the Department of Inland Transport, General Department of Transport, MPWT
14:40-15:20	Presentation of Drafted Action of Road Safety in Cambodia (2010-2020) by the Department of Inland Transport, General Department of Transport, MPWT
15:20-15:40	Presentation of the Achievements on the Dissemination of the Road Safety by the Department of Inland Transport, General Department of Transport, MPWT
16:00-16:30	Presentation of the Overview of Phase 2 Project of Road Safety in 10 Countries by World Health Organization
16:30-17:00	Distribution of the Road Safety Materials to the concerned institutions
17:00	Closing

## VI. Actual Activities of the Workshops

13. The Ministry of Public Works and Transport held a one day national workshop on Road Safety at Sunway hotel, Phnom Penh, on 29 March 2011. This workshop was highly presided over by **His Excellency Tram Iv Tek**, Minister of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport and the Chairman of the National Road Safety Committee (NRSC). It was jointly arranged by the National Road Safety Committee and the Provincial Rural Infrastructure Project (PRIP) under the IDA credit no. 3822-KH of the World Bank.

14. The workshop was begun with the introduction of NRC and the welcome remark by **H.E. Lim Sidenine** as Project Director of the Provincial Rural Infrastructure Project (PRIP) and Secretary of State for the Ministry of Public Works and Transport. He expressed great thanks to **H.E. Tram Iv Tek**, the Minister for the Ministry of Public Works and Transport and Chairman of National Road Safety Committee for being presided over the



national workshop to disseminate the Road Safety. He also appreciated the cooperation of the project and National Road Safety Committee with Ministries, Institutions, National and International organizations, and private companies to organize this essential national workshop in the line with the policies of the government related to the key human resource development towards the development of other fields. He continued to state that the awareness of road safety was part of the work executed by PRIP project which will actively take part in the reduction of road accidents and continue to cooperate with National Road Safety Committee and other concerned organizations to disseminate the road safety awareness and seek other possible means to intervene and prevent the rate of wounds and road accidents to the lowest level.



15. Next, **H.E. Tram Iv Tek**, delivered his opening remark with the report of 2010 as the chairman of the National Road Safety committee that there were around 8,000 cases of the road accidents which brought about 18,196 victims. 1,837 of whom were killed, 6,874 were seriously wounded and 8,947 were slightly injured. More seriously, these road accidents have left behind with orphans, widows and handicapped for the people. In 2009 alone, the accidents cost Cambodia with an amount of 248 million US Dollars. Without these accidents, the same amount of money would have been utilized to construct schools, hospitals, roads, and bridges and to relieve the burden of the family.

16. He highlighted that to handle the above issues, the National Road Safety Committee have cooperated with Ministries, institutions, and national and international organizations to set out the strategic disseminations on the road safety such as do not driving after drinking alcohol, not driving over the limited speed, not loading over the limited weight, wearing safety belts, wearing helmets, and tightening the law reinforcement. It is essential that everyone from different walks of life actively be involved in the prevention of the road accidents to a lower level as slogan “We are united for the road safety.”
17. He ended his opening speech on behalf of Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Provincial Rural Infrastructure Project and on his behalf with extension of thanks to National Road Safety Committee and concerned partners for supporting the road safety in Cambodia, to the World Bank for funding this important workshop, to working group for doing their best to arrange this very important workshop to happen.

18. After his opening speech, he highlighted some current serious road accidents which happened in the first quarter of 2011. One of those accidents happened in along national no. 4, Sihanoukville. It was caused by a speeding truck has crashed into a tour bus, leaving at least 20 dead and eight seriously injured. He continued to raise another accident which happened in Kampong on 27 March 2011. At least 8 Cambodians died and other 10 injured in this accident. It was reported that, "A van hit a tractor in opposite direction. The road accident occurred at 11:38 PM yesterday in Balang commune, Baray district of Kompong Thom province. The tractor loaded the villagers to attend the funeral ceremony of a monk chief in their community and they are from neighboring Chom Kaleu district, Kampong Cham province. The van's driver was in position of careless because the speed's van is too fast."
19. With the highlights of the above accidents, the Minister advised that the Joint Committee consisting of an official from Ministry of Public Works and Transport, a police man from National Police Commissioner, and an official from local authority investigate the scene to document the road accidents. For the official from the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, he has to inspect the scene of the accident whether the accident is caused by the design of the infrastructure. If so, the rectification should be implemented to avoid such accidents.

20. Before the Minister, **H.E. Tram Iv Tek** left the workshop, he was interviewed regarding measures how to handle the road accidents by a group of media such as CTN TV, TVK, Apasara TV, Bayon TV, SEATV, Kampuchea Mthey, Koh Santepeha, Reasmey Kampuchea, Raio RNK, Sinchew Daily, Cheatyoeng News, Radio FM 96, and DAP news.



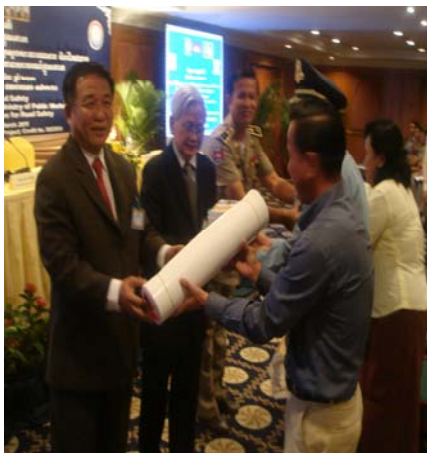
21. The presentation on the report of road accidents in 2010 was conducted by **Mr. Sem Hanhavuth**, Project Office of Road Accident Database of Handicap International Belgium (HIP). Under this representation, he lighted the general conditions of the road accidents in Cambodia and factors of the road accidents including driving of over-speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving without helmets. First, he indicated that the road accidents due to the over speeding usually happen in February and April during Chinese New Year and Khmer New Year from 4PM to 8PM. 35% of the death was caused by front crush at four junction roads. Most of the dead age between 15 to 29. Second, he pointed that the death owing to the driving under the influence of alcohol happens with the highest at 6PM to 11PM rate in April and on weekends. Most the dead age between 20 and 29. Finally, he represented the accidents caused by driving without

the helmets. 77% of the dead were injured in the head. The lower rate of victims wearing helmet on Saturdays and in April and December. It usually happens at night.

22. The presentation on the research on the behavior towards helmet wearing, driving under the influence of alcohol, and over-speed driving was presented by **Ms. Nhim Chan Dara**, Project Officer for Road Safety Research from Handicap International Belgium (HIP). The research was conducted with cooperation of the concerned institutions such as Handicap International, National Road Safety Committee, Ministry of Interior, Alliances for Road Safety, and Johns Hopkins University in the United States. This research is aimed at monitoring and evaluating the educational dissemination and reinforcement of the traffic law on the helmet wearing. The research was conducted in ten locations in Phnom Penh capital, 5 locations in Kandal province, and 4 locations in Kampong Speu. As result, 300 drivers in Phnom Penh capital, 150 drivers in Kandal province, and 150 drivers were interviewed along the way. Firstly, findings of the research were indicated that the rate of wearing helmets was higher in Phnom Penh capital than provinces and higher during day time than at night. More than 60% of them have decided to wear helmets. Secondly, the research on the driving under the influence of alcohol revealed that 10% of them were found in Phnom Penh. This rate is higher than one in provinces. Finally, the findings revealed that 48% of them drive over the limited speed.
23. The **Brigadier General Mr. Him Yann**, Director of the Department of Public Order of the National Police Commissioner presented the nation-wide implementation of traffic law. In his presentation, he lighted (i)the overview of road accidents from 2005 to 2010, (ii) the causes of accidents for 2010, (iii) the cases of serious accidents for 2010 and 2011,(iv) the output of law enforcement of the traffic law on motorbikes and vehicles for August 2008 to March 2011, (v) the output the law enforcement on driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without helmet from October 2010 to February 2011, (vi) capacity building including the training workshops on how to use alcohol testing device, training programs, and study tours, (vii) challenging issues, and (viii) future plan.
24. Also, there was another presentation, similar to the above presentation, on the traffic enforcement by **Lieutenant Colonel Chev Hak** from the office of the traffic police of the Police Commissioner of Phnom Penh Municipality. He only presented the output of the traffic law enforcement on helmet wearing, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving of over-speeding in Phnom Penh capital.
25. The presentation of the implementation of on the Five Year Action Plan of Road Safety in Cambodia (2006-2010) was conducted by **Mr. Seng Ratha**, an official of the Inland Transport Department of General Department Transport of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport. The achievements of the Five Year Action Plan included (i) the educational dissemination via important ceremonies, (ii) the dissemination of the traffic law, (iii) the dissemination of posters, (iv) the dissemination of sign boards, (v) the

dissemination of leaflets, (vi) the dissemination of bill boards, (vii) the dissemination of radios, and (viii) the dissemination of video spot via TV.

26. Action Plan of Road Safety for 2011-2020 of the National Road Safety Committee was presented by **Ms. Men Chansokol**, Deputy Director of the Inland Transport Department of General Department Transport of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport. The action plan includes (i) monitoring mechanism for supporting the road safety under national and international standard, (ii) roads becoming safer, (iii) sufficiently appropriate standard for all vehicles, (iv) the road users aware of the traffic law, (v) first aid assistance for the victims, (vi) Effective law reinforcement, and (vii) driving licenses.
27. The presentation of the Overview of Phase 2 Project of Road Safety in 10 Countries by **Mr. Kong Sovann**, Technical Officer of Road Safety and Injury Prevention by World Health Organization (WHO). In his presentation, he highlighted Part 1 on road safety at global and regional level, Part 2 on Bloomberg Funded Programs in 2008/2009, and Part 3 on Bloomberg Funded Phase Two (RS 10 Project 2010-2014)
28. Finally, the national workshop was ended by the closing speech by **H.E. Lim Sidenine**, the Project Director of PRIP and the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Public Works and Transport. Based on the provided presentations for the whole day, he was very pleased with active discussion, requests, and exchange of work experience to reduce the rate of the road accidents which is increasing daily. On half of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport and the Provincial Rural Infrastructure Project (PRIP) and on his behalf, he highly appreciated effort of and participation of the attendees to spend their valuable time on the national workshop. At the end his speech, he requested that the participants subsequently disseminate their respective knowledge and work experience to all the road users to reduce the road accidents by observing the traffic law, wearing helmets, wearing seat belts, not driving over limited speed, not loading over limited weight, and not driving under the influence of alcohol.



29. Before the end of the workshop, three of the participants: one official from the Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport of Battambang, one official from the Provincial Department of Rural Development of Takeo, and one police officer from the Provincial Commissioner of Siem Reap were selected to receive one set of the materials including 20 posters of overloading, 20 posters of over speeding, 8 booklets of 10 points, 20 sticker of 6

wrong and right behaviors, 20 booklets of motor, and one book of updated traffic sign as a symbol.

30. There were 240 participants to the National Workshop on the Road Safety presided over by **H.E. Tram Iv Tek**, Minister of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport. The participants include officials of Ministry of Public Works and Transports, Provincial Departments of Public Works and Transport, of Ministry of Rural Development, of Provincial Department of Rural Development, National Police Commissioner General, Municipal and Provincial Commission, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Council, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Justice, transport companies, media, NRSC, and other concerned partners.
31. The national workshop on the Road Safety was subsequently broadcast and released in the following media: CTN TV, TVK, Apasara TV, Bayon TV, SEATV, Kampuchea, Mthey, Koh Santepeha, Reasmey Kampuchea, Raio RNK, Sinchew Daily, Cheatyoeung News, Radio FM 96, and DAP news.

## **VII. Conclusion**

32. In conclusion, the national workshop on the Road Safety was successfully organized and held at Sunway hotel on 29 March 2011 under the active cooperation between the Provincial Rural Infrastructure Project (PRIP) and the National Road Safety Committee (NRSC) of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport as planned and committed. More importantly, after the participants attentively to listen to each presentation, the questions and answers were actively exchanged. With the provided materials, the participants are committed to disseminate them at their respective work places and with local authorities and communities to bring the rate of the road accidents to a reasonable rate as this is part of the community awareness program of the project.