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CCHR event to celebrate International Women’s Day 2017 with photo exhibition profiling women activists and human rights defenders

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) is pleased to announce that it will hold an event at 9:00am on Tuesday 7 March 2017 at its office in Phnom Penh, to celebrate International Women’s Day 2017. The event will feature a photo exhibition profiling 19 women activists and human rights defenders (“HRDs”), some of whom will speak about their work during the event; a screening of a video in which the families of the #Freethe5KH detainees talk about their imprisonment and call for their release; and a forum theatre performance. Forum theatre uses interactive theatre performance to help find creative solutions to problems and conflict.

Each year, International Women’s Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women. The theme of the 2017 campaign is #BeBoldForChange and calls on individuals to take bold action to accelerate gender parity. A large proportion of Cambodia’s activists and HRDs are women, and as community leaders and civil society activists they play a vital role in the promotion, strengthening, and protection of human rights. However, they frequently face threats, harassment and insecurity while carrying out their work. This event aims to showcase the work of women activists and HRDs, including detained activists Tep Vanny and Lim Mony, stimulate debate around the role of women in society, and to build solidarity among those who work for human rights and gender equality.

What: Event and photo exhibition to celebrate International Women’s Day 2017
When: Tuesday 7 March 2017 @ 9:00am – 12:00noon
Where: CCHR, #798, St.99, Boeng Trabek, Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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Please note that the event will be held in Khmer.