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Cambodian Center for Human Rights

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The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) launches photography exhibition showcasing women human rights defenders and LGBTIQ activists

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights’ (“CCHR”) [Voices for Gender Equality Project](#) is pleased to host a photography exhibition to be held from **17 to 27 February 2021** at **Bophana Center**. The exhibition showcases the photographs and profiles of 15 women human rights defenders (“WHRD”) and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (“LGBTIQ”) activists to promote and amplify their voices, with each profile sharing a unique personal perspective on human rights issues, including LGBTIQ rights, gender equality, and gender-based violence.

This photography exhibition aims to raise awareness of human rights - in particular women’s and LGBTIQ rights – and illustrate the work of the featured activists and the challenges they face. Further, the exhibition seeks to show support for the work of WHRDs and LGBTIQ activists and reduce stigma associated with activism, claiming rights and reporting rights violations such as gender-based violence. Finally, CCHR hopes this exhibition will inspire attendees to feel passionate about the promotion and protection of gender equality and LGBTIQ rights.

The photography exhibition will be launched at an event on **17 February 2021** from **3 PM to 6 PM**, at the Bophana Center. This event will start with an introduction by CCHR’s Executive Director Chak Sopheap and a video screening or discussion about WHRDs and LGBTIQ activist’s issues. Then CCHR’s Voices for Gender Equality Project will hold an interactive forum theatre performance – an interactive theatre style in which a problem scenario is presented, and the audience are encouraged to enter the action and test out attempts to positively impact the outcome. Attendees will then be able to explore the displayed photographs and profiles of the WHRDs and LGBTIQ activists while enjoying refreshments and having the opportunity to write encouraging messages to the activists showcased.

We would be honoured if you would join CCHR for the photography exhibition. After the launch on 17 February, the exhibition will continue to be displayed for viewing at the Bophana Center until **27 February 2021** for the public to experience. The available viewing hours will be 8am - 12pm and 2 - 6pm Monday to Friday, and from 2pm – 6pm on Saturdays. Further, for those who cannot physically attend the exhibition, CCHR will share the series of profiles on our website and social media.

For more information, please contact CCHR’s Voices for Gender Equality Project Coordinator, Mr. Borin Lim, at borin.lim@cchrcambodia.org or +855 (0) 12 904 266.

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Notes to the Editor:

Founded in November 2002, CCHR is a non-aligned, independent, non-governmental organization that works to promote and protect democracy and respect for human rights – primarily civil and political rights - in Cambodia.

CCHR is a member of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX), the global network for freedom of expression, and CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation. CCHR is also a member of the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT) SOS-Torture Network and OECD Watch.

The Cambodian Human Rights Portal www.sithi.org is the 2011 winner of the Information Society Innovation Fund Award in the category of Rights and Freedoms and the 2013 winner of the Communication for Social Change Award awarded by the Centre for Communication and Social Change at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.