



Press Release:

Two-week campaign to commemorate World Press Freedom Day 2021 under the global theme of “Information as a public good”

Phnom Penh, April 26, 2021 – Cambodia’s Free Press Working Group (FPWG) which consists of 13 local media organizations, associations and civil society organizations will co-organize a two-week online campaign aimed at highlighting the importance and encouraging public participation in promoting press freedom.

This online campaign will start from April 26 until May 10, 2021 to commemorate the World Press Freedom Day under the global theme of “Information as a public good”. During this campaign, some activities will be carried out by the member organizations of the FPWG and stakeholders, as well as the participation of all members of the public.

Those key activities include:

- Posting key messages about the importance of information as a public good
- Posting video on the important role of journalists and media
- Changing [Facebook profile photo frame](#)
- Radio livestream on topics related to journalists
- Special panel discussion on May 3 on “Press Freedom and improving

cooperation” which will be attended by representatives of relevant ministries, national and international organizations representatives who are working on media related sectors. You can join the discussion via this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98102285503?pwd=OURUzbB2aHNNUhhtOGtaNWtYS1U2QT09>

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Nop Vy, executive director of CamboJA and representative of FPWG, said: “*Journalists have a very important role to play in a democratic society, especially in a situation where Cambodia is experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic. The commemoration of World Press Freedom Day 2021 under the global theme of ‘Information as a public good’ is important for all citizens to work together to promote press freedom and to value their important role.*”

Another representative of FPWG and acting director of CCIM, Ith Sothoeuth, said: “*All stakeholders, especially the Royal Government, must ensure the safety and security of all journalists so that they can exercise their right in reporting news, especially crimes as well as other issues that are happening in society, freely and without fear for the public good and guarantee the right to information of all citizens.*”

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Free Press Working Group that participated in organizing this campaign includes:



1. Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM)
2. Cambodian Journalists Alliance Association (CamboJA)
3. Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR)
4. Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC)
5. Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia (COMFREL)
6. The People Center for Development and Peace (PDP)
7. Center for Alliance of Labor and Human Rights (CENTRAL)
8. Cambodian Youth Network (CYN)
9. Youth Resource Development Program (YRDP)
10. Building Community Voices (BCV)
11. Women’s Media Centre of Cambodia (WMC)
12. Sahmakum Teang Tnaut (STT)
13. Alliance for Conflict Transformation (ACT)

