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The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) Celebrates International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day (“IWD”), celebrated annually on 8 March, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women’s achievements or rally for women’s equality. The theme for 2022’s IWD is: “Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow.”

IWD is one of the most important days of the year to celebrate women’s achievements, raise awareness about women's rights and lobby for accelerated gender parity. Unfortunately, Cambodia’s patriarchal society and its deeply entrenched gender stereotypes and social norms continue to undermine women’s rights and to prevent the achievement of gender equality in the country. As a result, gender-based violence remains a pervasive problem in the Kingdom and a victim-blaming mentality continues to permeate Cambodian society. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a particularly heavy toll on women, with increased domestic violence reported as a result of job losses and lockdowns. In these challenging times, it is vital to step up efforts to address women’s rights violations and advance gender equality in Cambodia.

For the occasion, CCHR will spotlight the Cambodian women’s participation in civil society and about the work of women human rights defenders as well as highlight the challenging environment in which women who engage in civic society operate in Cambodia, through the following activities:

- On 01 March 2022, CCHR will post a quiz about International Women’s Day on its Facebook page.
- On 7 March 2022, CCHR will release an infographic on the rights of victims in gender-based violence trials.
- On 7 March 2022, CCHR will host a hybrid event under the theme “Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow”. The event will be held at CCHR’s office from 2-5 pm with a limited number of participants as well as live-streamed on CCHR’s Facebook page to enable the participation of a broader audience. The event will showcase women from diverse backgrounds and working in diverse sectors and a women’s rights champion competition.
- On 7 March from 7pm to 8:30pm, CCHR will hold a well-being session, titled “Celebrating Women’s Rights, Celebrating Our Well-Being”. Details will follow on CCHR’s Facebook page.”.
- On 8 March 2022, CCHR will release a timeline of the violations that female NagaWorld strikers have faced since their strike began on 18 December 2021.

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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.