



Annual General Report December 2012 - September 2013

Activities

Christmas Party Saturday 15^h December 2012:

It was a successful night attended by around 100 people from the community plus friends; parents and children, teenagers, students group. There was the opportunity to meet up with Santa Claus (Mr Brian Parnell) and Disco Dancing (DJ Sorel).

Khmer New Year Celebration Saturday 13th April 2013:

- The Buddhist Ceremony was conducted by Mr Tan Nam by request of five precepts, Bang skaul.
- Chanting blessing by special guest senior monk invited from Cambodia Reverend Yos Hut, 5 Monks & Nuns from Amaravati Monastery.
- 5 minutes Meditation led by Sister Bodhi Palla of Amaravati.
- National Anthem.
- A speech by HE Hor Nambora, ambassador of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the UK.
- A speech by Mrs Sobopha Owen, reporting a feed back of activities strategy up to date.
- Bangskol fund raised by Dr Sambath and donated directly to the Monks
- Dhamma Talks by Rev. Yos Hut.
- Afternoon performances presented by stage presenter: Mr Navuth Ly and Miss Amara Eang.
- Traditional blessing dance by Mrs Dinal Blomfield.
- Songs by new talent: Mr So Maneat, Miss Van.
- Trio Comedy performed by Maneat, Dinal and Van.
- Chhayam folkloric parade dancing for welcoming the new spirit of the New Year Tevada, lead by Mr Kakada Pich and Mrs Rithy Keo Pich. Dancers are: Mrs Sobopha Owen, Mr Usaly Tan, Mr Sorel Nou, Miss Sok Chhoeun Hang, Mr Kakada Pich, Mr Kim Thavuth, Mr Sinang Crea, Mr Rady Mok (student), a rising star: Master Richard Man
- Closing Ceremony by distribution of appreciation certificate to the Students Association group, and souvenirs packs to all performers by Mr Tan Nam, Dr HP Sambath, Mr & Mrs Tan Chea.
- Music disco for afternoon and evening dancing organised by Mr Sorel Nou until 9pm.

Supporting team:

- Mr Mrs Tan Chea: extras food catering
- Mr Mrs Moeng Phok: flowers & beverage drinks for the monks (as a private donation).
- Dr Sambath: Raising fund for Bangskoll, and forwarded directly to the Monks.
- Treasurer & financial assistance: Mr Usaly Tan
- General Manager: Mr Usaly Tan
- Reception and raffles sale: Mr Rithy Hy, Mr Rattanak Keo (Student).
- Assistant to reception: Mr Yuvakratana Som, Mr Rattanak Keo.
- General Hall assistant: Kasy Tan, Chornng Bunawath, Choungtech Lim, Sopheakvitou Sann, Dara Inn, Keopisey Yin, Chansopheak Sor, Sophakvitou Sann, Choungtech Lim, Bunawath Chornng, Kasy Tan, Miss Thi Da Gnaen.
- Stage decoration team: Mrs Sobopha Owen, Mr Usaly Tan, Mr Tu (VLC member) Mr Navuth Ly (Head of Student Association), 5 Students, Mr Long Sareouy for Transport of materials/Assistance of stage decoration.
- Stage presenter: Mr Navuth Ly and Miss Amara Eang (Students)
- Arts Dance director: Mr Kakada Pich
- Arts Dance director, costume: Mrs Rithy Keo-Pich
- Food & Catering Assistance: Mrs Soly Jenkison, Mrs Dinal Blomfield, Mrs Chandy Parnell.
- Sound System Setup: Mr Sam Ruos
- DJ Traditional Khmer Ramvong & Disco dancing: Mr Sorel Nou.
- Photographer: Mr Moeng Phok, Mr Leang Tech Hour (Student).

We are honoured by the numbers of guest from the UK and abroad including:

- Seniors monks from Amaravati Monastery, Reverend Yos Hut (Senior Monk invited from watt Langka, Phnom Penh), The Royal Embassy of Cambodia's staff members, Mr Jake Ferguson and the family, Mrs Kristine Welling from HCVS of Hackney.
- Seniors members and community's members from around the UK.
- European & Cambodian guests from different places, national and international.
- Students group from all around the UK
- The VLC staffs members
- Local Police security officers: organised by Mr Jake Ferguson.

Approximately 200 people during the day and 150 at the evening dancing-party.

We had once again another successful event:

We are very touched, despite the world economy crisis by everyone's effort and the time in taking part, to help to celebrate the only one Special day of the year, highlighting the Union of a big Family.

Other Community Events

- **International Thod Pha Pa fund raising event** on Sunday 16th June 2013 for Chithurst Monastery. Donation received on the day was forwarded to the temple by Mr David Glendining and the team.
- **Pchoum Ben Ceremony** on Saturday 28th September 2013 at Amaravati Temple, followed by AGM.
- **Kathina International** on Sunday 20th October 2013 at Chithurst Monastery.

To ensure the availability of venue for future events, I have also made provisional advance bookings ahead at the VLC Centre as follows:

- **The Xmas Party:** Saturday 7th December 2013.
- **The Khmer New Year (Chaul Chhnam):** Saturday 12th April 2014.

Special Recognitions

- To support Casunik's events for year 2012- 2013, HE Hor Nambora has kindly donated 1000.00GBP.
- To all community's members, the monks from Amaravati temple for attending the late Mrs Tan Nam Funeral dated 22nd May 2013.

I would like to express my gratitude to you all for another successful year .Your continued support and help to our community are in line with the common aim of the Society, striving to work for the benefit of all Cambodians in the UK thereby ensuring a positive image of Cambodia internationally.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sobopha Owen
President