



Annual General Report October 2015-October 2016

Activities:

PCHOUM BEN Ceremony on Saturday 10th October 2015 at Amaravati Buddhist Monastery. Funds raised during Bang Skaul Ceremony by Dr Sambath Heng and Mr Tan Nam were donated to the temple at the end of the Ceremony.

There were great numbers of our community's members turned up with beautiful traditional costume and participation of HE & Mrs Meas Kim Heng, the family, all staffs members from the Royal Embassy of Cambodia, followed by AGM from 2pm.-4pm.

KHMER NEW YEAR Celebration on Saturday 16th April 2016:

- Ceremony opening and greeting speech by Mrs Sobopha Owen.
- Introduction of the New Executive members for year 2016.
- Introduction the member of Student Association group to the UK year 2016.
- 10 minutes Speech by HE Meas Kim Heng from the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the UK.
- The Buddhist Ceremony was conducted by Mr Tan Nam: requesting the Three Refuges and Five Precepts and Bang Skaul
- Chanting blessing by five Monks and Nuns from Amaravati Buddhist Monastery
- Funds raised by Dr Sambath Heng during Bang Skaul were donated to the Monks at the end of the Ceremony.
- Dharma talks by Sister Bodhi Palla of Amaravati
- Five-minute mediation led by Sister Bodhi Palla followed by distribution of Religious books to the community.
- Gifts Monks packs donated from Casunik, the Royal Embassy of Cambodia and community's members.
- Food offering to Monks and followed by the guests and the community members.
- From 2pm Music performance by guest singer performers from France: Mr&Mrs Sam Bernard (Cambodian Idol), Mr Samley Hong (Cambodian Rock star since 1970). Co-ordinated by Mrs Suphali Nesbit and sound-control by Mr Sorel Nou.
- We had an enjoyable Khmer Roamvong traditional/popular dance and followed by Disco Dancing.
- Raffles prize draw: open by guests invited, Mr Kao Samnang, Miss Chhun Leang Heng, Mr Dara Than, with assistance of Dr Sambath.
- Support team:
 - Day Manager: Mr Usaly Tan
 - Book keeper/Reception/Raffles sale: Mr Thy Hy, Mr Sinang Chrea, Mr Dara Than
 - DJ Traditional Khmer Ramvong and Disco dancing: Mr Sorel Nou
 - Photographers: Mr Sudarin Unn, Students group led by Mr Dara Than.
 - Helper for food& catering, on table set up by Mrs Ngan Bou, Mrs Soravy Dom
 - Students Association group:
 - 1-Mr Dara Than (lead Co-ordinator)
 - 2-Mr Pitou Keo (reception)
 - 3- Ms Sovanvattey Chan (MC)
 - 4-Mr Keith Naro (MC)
 - 5-Mr Semnarorth Nay (Photographer)
 - 6-Ms Sokunthea Hang (Photographer)

- 7-Mr Samnang Srey (Photographer)
- 8-Ms Chhun Leang Heng (Assistant-Raffles Prize draw)
- 9-Ms Eliza Chan (Reception-Raffles sales)
- 10-Mr Panha Heng (Assistant)
- 11-Mr Channpeaktra Hong (Assistant)
- 12-Mr Sary Vithiea Peang (Assistant)

- Stage/hall decoration team:
Mrs Sobopha Owen, Mr UsalyTan,, Mr & Mrs Sinang, Wanli Chrea, Mrs Suphali Nesbit co-ordinator and transportation of the performers to VLC for sound-control.
Student Association Group: Led by Mr Dara Than.
- Clear up team after the Party :
Mrs Sobopha Owen, Mr UsalyTan, Mr Rithy Hy, Mr & Mrs Sinang, Wanli Chrea, Mr & Mrs Bou Mea, Mr & Mrs Sorel, Nami Nou, Miss Pranee Nou, Mr Saroeuy Long.
Students Association Group: Mr Dara Than and all team members.

We are honoured by the number of guests, including:

- Monks from Amaravati Buddhist Monastery.
- HE Meas Kim Heng from the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the UK, the family and all staffs members.
- Seniors members and community's members travelled far from around the UK and abroad.
- Mr Lai the Chairman of The VLC and staff members.

INTERNATIONAL Thod Pha Pa: Fund raising event on Sunday 19th June 2016 to support Chithurst Buddhist Monastery. Donation received on the day was forwarded directly to the temple by organiser team.

Our dearest member the late Mr Nou Thol passed away on Thursday 17th June, 2016 at the age of 81. Funeral was held on Friday 1st July. The 100th day remembrance service will be held on Tuesday 27th September at the Thai temple in Maidstone.

BADMINTON tournament: 3rd year: was on Sunday 18th Sept 2016 between Cambodian community members and Lao community members, is organised by Lao community and this year again the trophy goes to the Lao community. But everyone enjoyed the re-gathering, and had a good-fun time together.

Special Recognitions:

To support Pchoum Ben activities, the generous donations from:

HE Meas Kim Heng: £500.00
Mr Ged Scrivener: £100.00

To support the Khmer New Year Celebration year 2016, the generous donations from:

HE Meas Kim Heng, £500.00 and delicious dishes of Cambodian home made food
Mr Ged Srivener £100.00
Mr Usaly Tan £100.00
Mrs Sobopha Owen £100.00
Mrs Suphali Unn-Nesbit co-ordinated the performers and provided transportation

A huge thanks to all the community members for the kind contribution of cooked food (are recorded) and assistance including the VLC staff members for their assistance.

KATHINA Festival:

At Citaviveka Monastery (Chithurst/Petersfield) on Sunday 30th October 2016.

At Amaravati Buddhist Temple (Hemel Hempstead) on Sunday 6th November 2016

To ensure the availability of hall for the future Cambodian New year Celebration, I have booked ahead the hall at the VLC Centre on Saturday 15th April 2017.

I would like to express my gratitude to you all for your continued support and help to our community, which is in line with the common aim of CASUNIK, for the benefit of all Cambodians in the UK, thereby ensuring a positive image of Cambodia internationally.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sobopha Owen
President.