



# ANGKOR CLIMBERS NET (ACN) Newsletter

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## The 6<sup>th</sup>. Angkor Cup

Let Cambodian climbers participate in the Tokyo Olympic Games !



The picture above shows three junior- high school students who won the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes in the Bouldering competition. They competed for the first time within a limited time, following international bouldering competition rules. In the middle of the three, Yanfai, the winner, who is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, is as tall as the other two, even though he stands on the highest dais. Pheaktra on the left and Yanfei on the right are in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and are scholarship students from the ACN. Yanfai, born in 2004, is on the border age to be eligible to compete in the Tokyo Olympic Games.

### Special Thanks

We are going to hold "Lotus Climbing Cup presented by Taica corporation," the first official climbing competition sponsored by the Cambodia Climbing Federation, outside of Siem Reap. This is the climbing competition for Cambodian people supported by Taica Corporation, using the indoor climbing gym for foreign guests, thanks to Phnom Climb, where the ACN's graduates work. In response to our appeal for donations of climbing holds, some of you responded promptly. Thank you. We hope you will continue to donate used holds, colored red, yellow, green, blue, purple and orange. Anyone who is planning to go to Cambodia and can carry the holds in your luggage, please contact us. [info@angkorclimbers.net](mailto:info@angkorclimbers.net)

### NPO Angkor Climbers Net

General Meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 17:00~

At Karin- Wild Flower Tea House, Kai-Oizumi, Hokuto-city, Yamanashi prefecture

We are planning to have a BBQ party, providing accommodations. ACN's members will be invited by mail, and people without membership will be also welcomed to get to know about the ACN's activities through this opportunity. This year, two of the Cambodian trainees will attend the meeting.





The ACN held the 6<sup>th</sup> Angkor Cup on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, supported by many volunteers from Cambodia and Japan. We want to thank all of you. The results are in the table below. This year again, many female competitors participated in the Top-rope but few did in the Leading and Bouldering. However, one of the graduates came back after she had a baby, the other graduate came back from Battambann where she was studying, and helped the competition. We are looking forward many other girls following in their footsteps.

CCF Class A leading (Male 12 to 15 years old ) 07 people

Result	Name	Age	From	Duration	Point
1	Sambath Pheaktra	14	Krous secondary	1:27:86	12
2	Huy yanfei	14	Krous secondary	1:25:00	11
3	Huy yanfai	12	Krous secondary	2:28:22	11

CCF Class B leading (Male over 16 years old ) 10 people

Result	Name	Age	From	Duration	Point
1	Sor Seyha	20	Phnom Climb	1:43:55	top
2	Cho Channy	22	Phnom Climb	2:50:18	16
3	Huy Barang	17	10 Makara high	1:76:00	6

CCF Class C leading (Female over 15 years old ) 04 people

Result	Name	Age	From	Duration	Point
1	Phen Sarom	17	10 Makara high	2:54:00	13
2	In Tevy	20	Battambang	0:16:40	6
3	Soeung Chhan	15	Siem Reap high	0:29:71	5

Open Class D (Male Top rope over 16 years old ) 18 people

Result	Name	Age	From	Duration	Point
1	Sambath Samnang	18	Samdach ov high	0:59:94	Top
2	Toem Phala	21	PEPY	1:43:72	11
3	Poch Sothearith	18	PEPY	2:06:10	9-



Open Class E (Male Top rope over 12 to 15 years old ) 06 people

Result	Name	Age	From	Duration	Point
1	Sambo Panha	15	10 makara high	1:22:80	16-
2	Em Sokunpanha	14	10 makara high	1:27:00	10*
3	Chea Udom	14	Angkor high	1:00:00	9*

Open Class F (Female Top rope over 15 years old ) 22 people

Result	Name	Age	From	Duration	Point
1	Rachel	27	England	1:30:55	Top
2	Noerb Chanthang	17	PEPY	1:50:65	8*
3	Emma	27	USA	0:09:35	3*

### **Bouldering cup on 18-12-2016**

Result	Name	OTHER
1	Huy Yanfai	success final route
2	Sambath Pheaktra	success final route
3	Huy Yanfei	success final route

Last year, one out of the four Angkor cups for the male open class went to Laos. This year, the one for the female open class went to England.



The participants registered as CCF class Leading were the regular members. You will be able to see the run of event on a DVD which was made with assistance from the "Engawa Fund," provided by Chofu-city Welfare Council. It is being shown at the climbing gym "Hang Out" in Shibasaki. 1-40-3, Kikunodai, Chofu-city, Tokyo 6-minute walk after getting off at Shibasaki Station, Keio Line

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DVD上映中 クライミングジム hangout  
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2016年12月11, 18日にカンボジア、シェムリアップのアンコールウォールで開催された、アンコールカップの様子をクライミングジムhangoutにて上映しております。子供達の笑顔を見てみてください！

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www.climbing-hangout.com climbing.hangout hangout.info

「楽しい」×「仲間」＝「強さ」

ACNのウォールでクライミングを習う子供達 アンコールカップの様子 日本研修、京都山形総合センターにて

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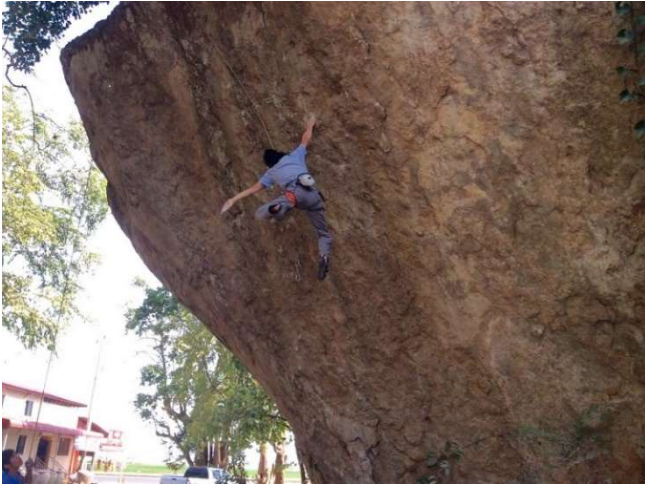
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## ACN graduates made the first ascent of the final project of Phnom Chealea in Kompong Cham

It is the first time in the history of Cambodian climbing that Khmer people reached the top of Cambodia's most difficult route

**October 29th 2016, Sor Seyha, 20 years old, made the first ascent of the Dino line, 5.12 d**

**October 29th 2016, Cho Channy, 22 years old, made the first ascent of the Direct Line, 5.12 d**



We do not know the exact date, but I heard that climbers from France bolted the wall and tried to redpoint the line several times but failed. I learned that such a project was at a climbing area in Kompong Cham, "Phnom Chealea" in the suburb of Phnom Penh.

Two of the graduates of Angkor Climbers Net (Sor Seyha, 20 years old, and Cho Channy, 22 years old, working in Phnom Climb, a climbing gym in Phnom Penh), several climbers and I started a project trial on December 17, 2015

The rock with the project was very tilted compared with the other rocks, and the third bolt position was far, and it seemed that the probability of the ground fall in case of falling just before the clip seemed high.

First of all, I climbed from the backside of the rock and rappelled down to set the top rope. Then, I searched the move while cleaning the hold I would lose the on-site chance, but life is more important. We tried it in order of Seyha, Channy, and me. There was a core crux between the 2nd and 3rd bolt. The Grand Fall would be waiting with a high probability if we fell badly. Therefore, it turned out that a considerable concentration of ability was required at the core part. In the third trial, I finished with a top rope.

The core part was settled with a dino (dynamic move) to a jug which is on the right. Seyha tried the same move several times. He did not succeed but it looks as if he will be able to do it in a few more attempts. Meanwhile, Channy did not go to the right and solved it with a move to take a crimp waiting right above. By the way, I tried the same move as Channy but as the next hold was too far and small so I could not do the move. On that day, we did three trials each and went back. The result was that I completed at the top rope. Channy did solve the move on the line straight up but could not complete the climbing. Seyha is trying the dino to the right, as I did.

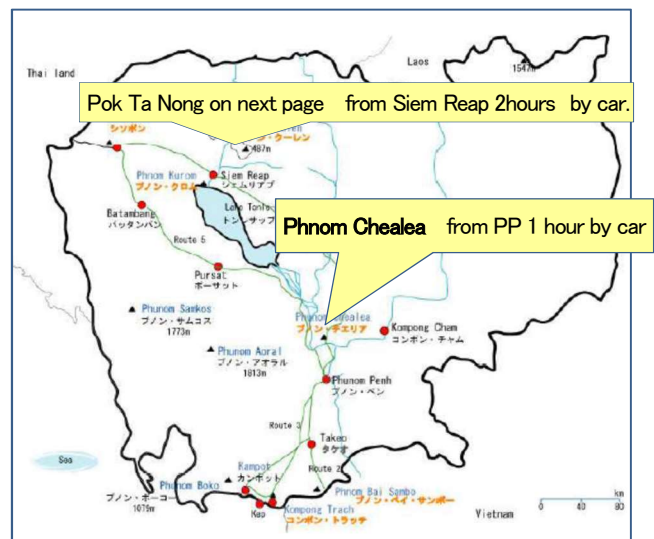
On January 31st 2017, I went to Phnom Penh again and met Seyha and Channy. I asked them about the project and got wonderful news from them that on October 29th 2016, Channy made the first ascent the direct line and Seyha climbed the dino line for the first time. I was very pleased to hear that. When asking the grade, the answers were 5.12a and 5.12b, but I do not think that would be the case. However, they thought that both were the same grade. In my opinion, it is 5.12c when I climbed at the top rope. Since I did not climb it at the lead climbing, I think it will be between 5.12d to around 5.13a, considering the core run-out and clipping action. Regarding the grade, there is a great possibility of fluctuation depending on the opinion of other climbers in the future, but we would like to announce it as 5.12d.

The history of climbing in Cambodia is very short.

Also, most of the exploration routes and the initial routes were done by overseas climbers, almost none including Khmer climbers. Taking a look at that situation, the former director Tadao Ito established the Angkor Climbers Net to spread Khmer climbing for the Khmer people in Cambodia, and now the ACN has two excellent graduates. It also made it possible for them to achieve the first climb of difficult routes.

I am deeply moved by their success. And I want to convey gratitude to all the people who have supported us

Angkor Climbers Net Representative Director Asai Kazuhide





## Development of Outdoor routes



The picture shows the rock of a climb located 50km north from Siem Reap. While we respect the religious sensibilities of the location, the ACN has been developing the climbing area led by Mr. Asai. With the support of frequenters of the Angkor wall, we chartered two wagon cars and held a bouldering tour



on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Children members of the ACN could experience bouldering there.





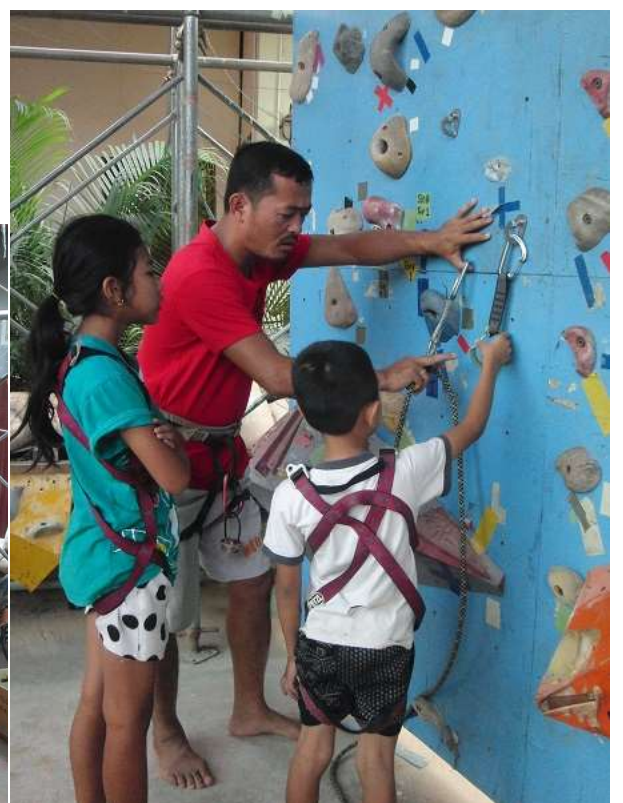
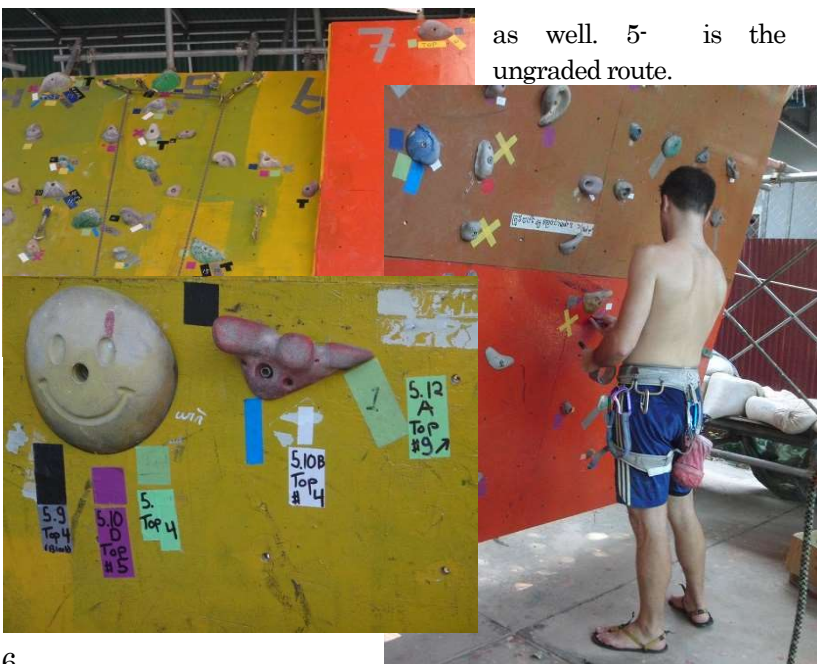
## Sunday practice

For the regular practice on Sunday morning, there used to be few female players who practiced lead climbing, but recently the number of school girls and even adults who join the practice and start to learn lead climbing is increasing. Barang is a good coach for them.



Mr. Troy, a regular customer, who is a school teacher at Puok District, wrote that the numbers of holds on the wall in each route and grades of them. That's just what one would expect of a teacher! To know the goal and grade motivates people, and it is popular among guests

as well. 5- is the ungraded route.





## News!

### Bouldering mats have arrived from Taica Corporation, a maker of α GEL

Taica Corporation supports registering CCF with the International Climbing Federation, to hold competitions and practice tours to Japan from July 2017.



## From ACN's Desk

[There are 51 members of our NPO right now.](#)

[We would like to ask you to continuously support us by becoming a member.](#)

If you want to join ACN, please contact us. We will send you an application form, guidelines and some other documents in accordance with the type of request. Our annual membership fee is 5,000 yen (general member). Please make payment according to our business year that begins on July 1. Your support will surely help promote the healthy growth of Cambodian youth.

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Our total donated sum comes to April 2017 ¥9,209,315+ US\$13,780 beginning in 2008, when we launched our NGO, though October 31, 2016). The total funds for our foster parents' system comes to ¥3,900,000 +US\$1,250 We greatly appreciate this support. The following individuals, businesses, and associations contributed donations and goods from November 2016 to April 2017.

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## The Lotus Cup at Phnom Penh

### Editor's note



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“The Lotus Cup will be held at Phnom Penh this year, but you can't participate without your parent's consent and the permission for absence from school on Saturday from the principal of your school.” It is hard to hold an official competition at Phnom Penh. Even in Japan, we have to take the necessary steps to let school children participating in official games.

Since there are no organization like “Koutairen”, (The High-School Sports Federation), in Cambodia, students are supposed to get permission from their principals and a class teacher in each sport. Mr. Sem Seron, who has a lot of experience leading students in judo matches and soccer games, is now preparing for the ACN's participants. We would like to take female players to the competition. However, as there is still human trafficking in Cambodia, it is necessary to make parents understand the procedure and feel safe about it. We will try to explain about the event to their satisfaction.

Regarding the travel expenses, Taica Corporation will support us as well.

How will the competition go? We have mixed feelings of anxiety and hope these days. (Chimi)

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