

## ANGKOR CLIMBERS NET (ACN) Newsletter

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Life is challenging because of the coronavirus pandemic, but we continue to do our best to promote climbing.



Elementary, junior high, and high schools in Cambodia reopened on September 7, which is usually during the rainy season vacation. Although it depends on the area, the schedule is irregular; the elementary school students go to school two days a week, studying Khmer and math, and junior high and high school students go to school only in grades 9 and 12 for the national examinations. The school year usually starts in November, but this year it will begin after students finish their study in November. As sports activities have been conditionally permitted since the end of May, children were able to practice climbing between online lessons. But some high school students went to work to help their households. The lives of people in Siem Reap who rely on tourism income are not easy.



The New Year holidays usually held in April were postponed until August and people were restricted in traveling to other provinces. After the strict home regulations were lifted, the first place the ACN members went to in May was the boulder in Svay Leu. At that time, sports gyms like climbing walls were places where parents should prevent children from going. As the Ministry of





Health issued the conditional permission for practice and games on May 22, Sunday climbing practice reopened on the Angkor Wall from May 31.

People from a judo club, who used to practice judo here, came to climb the wall. They have now a fine judo hall at the International Japanese Culture Institution.

## New CCF (Cambodia Climbing Federation) has started its activities.

As we reported in Newsletter 26<sup>th.,</sup> in February CCF held the first General Meeting according to the articles of association in the tenth year since its establishment, and elected directors to serve until 2024. From March, the Angkor Wall and the Phnom Climb in Phom Penh <u>https://www.facebook.com/PhnomClimb</u>

which has the biggest climber population in Cambodia, were closed because of the pandemic. But soon after that, CCF began to hold a course for outside climbing training, which was released from restrictions earlier. In the beginning of September, it held a climbing class including provincial PE officials at Boulder in Kampong Trach, Kampot district, a suburb of Phnom Penh. In November, a judges' workshop is planned, too.



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Unlike the previous CCF board members, eight staff out of eleven, including Mr. Sotharin, are climbers. Mr. Seam Rorn, the head of the ACN Cambodia, remains a Secretary General. He is in charge of foreign relations, contacting the IFSC and JMSCA whose members visited Cambodia in January.Last year, the IFSC General Meeting was held in Tokyo and he came to Japan to attend it. This year, it was planned in Cyprus, so he did not apply as it is far from Cambodia. However, Covid 19 changed the style of the General Meeting. As the member countries argued about the agenda online, Cambodia was able to attend the meeting. Here, we can see the names of Sem Roan and Yuji Hirayama in the above picture.

## National Team Training Plan in Indonesia

No	Name	Date of birth
1	Seam Rom	02nd Sep 1977
2	Cho Channy	06 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1995
3	Sor Seyha	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1997
4	Nuon Sovannak	23nd Oct 1998
5	Sambath Pheaktra	04th Oct 2001
6	Huy Yanfei	13 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2002
7	Yin Pi Sey	1" Feb 1997
8	Meas Sreynich	1" Feb 1995

The picture of this national team, which was taken in October just before the Climbing Festival in China, doesn't include the top three climbers who won at the latest Angkor Cup. There was a joint training plan with the Indonesian team for them at Surabaya, Indonesia in this April's



New Year vacation. Though Taica Corporation decided to support passport fees for new members and travel expenses for a coach and seven climbers, flights to Indonesia stopped in February. Air tickets are valid for another year from the reservation, but air travel has not been restored yet. Now there is no schedule for this except, "Be patient, you are not alone in this suffering. We hope that climbers develop strength and skills by making steady efforts where they are."

Travel between Cambodia and Japan is also difficult. Usually, some people go there for route-setting and to help with the Angkor Cup, but they cannot visit now. As these climbers already have been selected as for the National team, they are ready to help hold the competition, set routes and run the games by themselves.

# ACN General Meeting

Every year, we enjoy a BBQ party and fireworks with kids at the General Meeting. But this year, we held only the

meeting with social distancing at Oizumi at the foot of Mt. Yatsugatake on August 15. Board members updated us on our activities and closed accounts and budgets for 2020, and reelected board members.

These reports were submitted to the Tokyo Metropolitan office, Chofu City Hall, and the Fuchu Regional Legal Affairs Bureau respectively. According to the article 8, the balance sheet of 2019 will be posted on the ACN's homepage. http://www.angkorclimbers.net/

第2号議案 役員任期満了につき改選の件

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President Mr. Asai Kazuhide Vice president Mr. Yasuda Akihiro Vice president Ms. Ito Akiko Director Ms. Hotta Keiko Director Mr. Ariizumi Shigemasa Director Ms. Takagi Tomoko Director Mr. Karumizawa Kenji Director Mr. Saihara Akio Inspector Mr. Kamoshida Tomoya Inspector Mr. Yoshuitomi Akira

A report on activities for 2019 submitted to Tokyo Metropolitan office

A part of the report submitted to the Legal Affairs Bureau

Japanese Board directors are remaining in office until August 2022

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#### As an annual event, Global Festa was to be held • • • • • • • ,

October 6 is the day of International Cooperation and the Global Festa has been held around that day for 29 years at Hibiya Park or Odaiba site, but it was cancelled due to Covid 19 this year. The ACN has been setting up a booth since 2014, opening a free climbing wall, and many people enjoyed climbing with the support of Pyramid Japan Co., Ltd. Last year, Tetsu and Tomo, famous for the skit 'Nandedaro?', visited our climbing wall. (Their pictures of climbing might have been publicized, but sorry!) Come and enjoy it next year.



#### From ACN's Desk

There are 52 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. We stopped collecting presents. In order to maintain the present artificial wall, which has been standing for 10 years and went through rainy seasons in Cambodia, we need man power and materials. We ask for your support through being a member so that we are able to maintain a safe climbing place and hold training classes and competitions. It will help promote the healthy growth of Cambodian youth.

Take this opportunity to become a member of ACN. Your support will surely help promote the healthy growth of Cambodian youth. ACNJapan (Japan office)5-3-1-506 Tamagawa Chofu-shi Tokyo 182-0025email: info@angkorclimbers.net

**Donated Funds and Presents** Our total donated sum comes to \$10,666,140 + US\$14,257 (beginning in 2008, when we launched our NGO, though August 2020). The total funds for our foster parents' system comes \$5,180,000 + US\$1,250 We greatly appreciate this support. The following individuals, businesses, and associations contributed donations and goods from March to August 2020.

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-Foster Parents: Ms. Hotta Keiko, Mr. Saihara Akio,



### The Tenth Angkor Cup, Memorial Competition!?



#### Editor's note

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year since the Angkor Cup began in 2011. We would like to celebrate it with the 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial tournament but because of the pandemic, we are sorry to abandon this plan. Rather than celebrating it, we have to make it small- scale (less than 100 including climbers, belayers, and judges, and no

spectators). It will be the first time that Japanese staff cannot help with operating it, but it is a good opportunity for Cambodian staff to plan, manage and carry out the competition. Since the new school year will start next January, the graduation test for grade 12 students was canceled and every student passed. Both the winners of Lead and Bouldering in the Youth Junior and Youth A classes are in the grade 12 this year, so its a good news for the competition. The detailed schedule will be informed later, but it will be held **January 4 to 6** new year. You can see the video of the competition on Facebook which will be posted by some climbers, or officials of the ACN or CCF, as soon as it happens. Please send warm cheers from Japan.(Chimi)

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