



KEP GARDENS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020



Hi Everyone,

We hope that you are safe and well and that you and your family survived the first and second wave of the virus and lockdown. Please look after yourselves and keep safe.

Here in Cambodia we have 275 cases and no deaths. The schools were closed on 16th March and at the beginning of September the Government schools re-opened part-time, running half size classes combined with teacher visits to homes in the village.

We are opening on 5th October. With 340 students we will run half size classes, with half the class one week and the other half the alternate week. This is the only way we can fit everyone in social distancing. Temperatures will be taken and recorded every day; waiting area will be socially distanced; hand washing sinks have been set up in the waiting area and the school area; in and out entrances; all students and staff to wear masks; information re covid19 to be passed on to parents; parents to pass on family movement to the school; quite a procedure but we can do it.

Thank You

Kep Gardens has been running for 12 years. During these years there have been many, many supporters whose contributions, personal or monetary, small or large, have contributed to where we are today.

Now, with an enrolment of 340 students, we enjoy the support of our local community and the various Government Departments and Ministries to which we report.

So much has been achieved which could not have been done without you all.

Even in the current difficult times, the support and belief in Kep Gardens continues. As we progress into the coming years, we look forward to joining with you in providing the love and care that Kep Gardens provides to our community.

Thank you.

Career Students

Being a small group, our career students will continue their extra lessons with Khmer teachers until December when the Year 12 exams will be held.

Welcome

We welcome two new staff members this year. Vuh, an ex-student who has just completed teacher training as an English secondary school teacher, and Jandri who has completed extensive phonics training for the younger students. Kimhean, Sokyin, Long Han and Janine welcome them to our team and look forward to working with them.

"Walk with the dreamers, the believers, the courageous, the cheerful, the planners, the doers, the successful people with their heads in the clouds and their feet on the ground. Let their spirit ignite a fire within you to leave this world better than when you found it."
Wilfred Peterson



Vorn Vuh

Jandri Macauley

Janine Judd



Yoem Sokyin

Ngov Kimhean

Long Han

We thank Villa Kep for their donation of a projector and screen. The old projector gave up the ghost and rats ate the screen that we had made ourselves out of wood and white sheets!!! Much more civilized to have up-to-date equipment!

We thank Botanica Guesthouse for allowing the volunteers from Kep Gardens to use their pool free of charge.

We thank the Buddhist Library in Australia and Cambodia for their continued support of our project.

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