

## **About the photo exhibition and lecture about the Kingdom of Cambodia at Ashiya University**

At the incorporated educational institution Ashiya Academy and the premises of the Ashiya University a photo exhibition about the Kingdom of Cambodia and a lecture from Hideo Yamada, honorary consul of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Osaka, were held on behalf of the development of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Ashiya University from now on.

### **Photo exhibition**

Exhibition period: 26.05.(Mon.) to 30.05. 2014(Fri.)

Place: Entrance of the Ashiya Academy & University

Sponsor: the Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Osaka

As one of the projects to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia, as well as the independence of the latter, cameraman Makoto Kawakami used the photos shown in the entrance hall of Ashiya University, to demonstrate that Cambodia is a country full of laughter and young people who dare to dream although life still is difficult, due to the impact of former civil wars and the wide-spread HIV.

### **Special lecture “ The future of Cambodia by Consul of Honor of the Kingdom of Cambodia Hideo Yamada” as part of the course “General Introduction to Political Measures”**

Time: 26.5.2014 (Mon.)

Lecturer: Hideo Yamada, honorary consul of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Osaka

- In 1953 Cambodia separated itself from France and started first diplomatic relations with Japan. Until today the corporative relationship between both countries continues. In the past, the relationship developed through projects to stop the inflation rate or the PKO (peacekeeping operations). Nowadays, Consul Yamada's aim is to develop the tourism and economy of Cambodia further and to secure its diplomatic relations as well as the domestic security.
- As an example for the volunteer work done in Cambodia an Art-Therapist of NHCC (New Hope for Cambodian Children) talked about her experiences with Cambodian children and emphasized the importance of further volunteer work in Cambodia.
- The possibilities of internships or volunteer work in Cambodia were explained to the students and the lecture ended with the remark, that there is still a lot that we can do to make life in Cambodia a better one.



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