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Press Release

Inauguration of the QIP “Construction of a Three-Classroom Building at Sngoun Pich Primary School”

The Embassy of India in Cambodia is honored to announce the successful inauguration of the Quick Impact Project (QIP) “Construction of a Three-Classroom Building at Sngoun Pich Primary School” on July 31, 2024. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of H.E. Ambassador Dr. Devyani Khobragade and H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Honourable Minister of Women’s Affairs, Kingdom of Cambodia alongside other distinguished guests.

In her speech, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Devyani Khobragade expressed her delight at inaugurating the newly constructed classrooms, which aim to enhance the learning environment for the students of Sngoun Pich Primary School. The project aligns with the Kingdom of Cambodia’s goal of providing equitable and quality education to all children. Ambassador commended the Ministry of Women’s Affairs for its effective execution of the project, which not only supports educational development but also promotes gender parity by creating a safe environment for girls. The Ambassador mentioned that out of the 57 QIPs in Cambodia, the Ministry of Women's Affairs has either executed or is in the process of executing 8 projects in the fields of women empowerment, sanitation, education, etc. Previously, the two sides had successfully completed 4 Quick Impact Projects involving the construction of classroom buildings at Kambol Primary School and Wat Purthisat Primary School. These projects have greatly enhanced the learning environments at these institutions.

Looking ahead, Ambassador announced a new initiative aimed at expanding traditional heritage opportunities for women weavers in Khsach Kandal District, Kandal Province. This project, titled “Expanding Traditional Heritage Opportunities for Women Pattern Setters (Chorabab),” will support women weavers, preserving cultural heritage while providing economic and social empowerment.

H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Honourable Minister of Women’s Affairs, expressed her gratitude to the Government of India and the Embassy for their unwavering support in advancing Cambodia's educational infrastructure. She emphasized the importance of the new classrooms in providing a better learning environment and stressed the need for teachers to implement measures to prevent student dropouts. H.E. Minister remarked that this building is now the fourth construction project, funded by the Government of India and implemented by the Ministry of Women’s Affairs.

Under QIP Scheme, the Government of India implements 10 projects every year in Cambodia by providing a funding of up to USD 50,000/- each per project. Since 2015-16, the Government of India has approved 57 projects in the fields of IT, agriculture, health, sanitation, women’s empowerment, child welfare, rural development, social infrastructure (including capacity building). This initiative reflects the broader framework of India’s Act East policy, which aims to strengthen ties with Southeast Asia and foster regional cooperation. Furthermore, it underscores India's commitment to the Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) initiative.

The Embassy of India extends its sincere gratitude to all partners and stakeholders who have made this project possible. Through continued collaboration, India and Cambodia are committed to making a meaningful impact on the lives of Cambodian youth and fostering a brighter, healthier future.
