

Ambassador's Speech at the Inauguration ceremony of the Quick Impact Project "Solar Energy to Access Information and Improve Knowledge"

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Namaste! Chum Reap Suor! Good morning!

H.E. Neth Pheaktra, Minister of Information

H.E. Sam Nal, Governor of Snuol District

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to be here with all of you today in the Snuol district of Kratie Province to inaugurate a project that brings light and hope to the lives of many, both literally and symbolically.

Today we are marking the launch of the Quick Impact Project (QIP) for the installation of solar home systems in 60 households and 35 community spots. This initiative, implemented under the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation of India's Act East Policy framework, is a testament to the close and friendly partnership between India and Cambodia.

Electricity is no longer a luxury—it is a basic necessity that empowers communities. Access to reliable and clean energy improves health, supports education, fosters economic activity, and enhances safety and well-being. This project will help reduce dependence on fossil fuels and

candles, lower household energy costs, and contribute to Cambodia's environmental sustainability goals.

We are proud that through this QIP, we are not only bringing power to homes but also contributing to a brighter, greener future. Solar energy represents both innovation and inclusivity—it reaches even the most remote corners where traditional electric power may not yet extend.

And tomorrow, I am equally excited to join another important event right here in Kratie Province—the distribution of bicycles to school students under the “Community Support for Schooling” QIP. This initiative, like today's project, is designed to respond directly to the needs of local communities—this time by supporting children's access to education through improved transportation.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to H.E. Neth Pheaktra, Minister of Information of Cambodia, officials from the Ministry of Information, local authorities, and all implementation partners for their dedication and wish you all the very best for the implementation of the project.

Thank you! Som Orkun!