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As we enter the tenth year of Teachers Across Borders (TAB), Australia I continue to be inspired by the dedication of a small group of individuals committed to sharing knowledge regarding the education of children in Cambodia. The strong links established between the Ministry of education Youth and sport, the Provincial Departments of education and teacher Training colleges have allowed us to conduct nine workshop programs in Battambang, eight workshop programs in Kampong Thom and five workshop programs in Kampong Cham.

The third Project Agreement (a third five years) will be signed by Brian Allen which will take our tenure to a fiftenn year project. By the end oif fiftenn years we hope to have assisted the Khmer teachers not only with the philosophies and practicalities of educating children in Cambodia but also the development of skills for ongoing professional development to occur between and among themselves.

During the course of the past ten years our group has developed skills in flexibility and

adaptation in response to variable cultural parameters experienced between the two countries. As soon as the problem is identified both parties work hard together to reach a solution that has the best outcomes for both Australian workshop presenters and the teachers of Cambodia. We would like to thank Mr. Sok Samnang and Mr. Sam Sophorn for their continued hard work assisting both parties in understanding the cultural issues and working toward solutions.

As we approach the third contract we look forward to working with more teacher trainees at both Primary and Secondary Teachers Colleges where possible. Thanks to the Kampong Cham workshop 2014 there is a set of guidelines to follow for further expansion of this program. In addition Train the Trainer program has strengthened and we look forward to this expanding to allow for the greatest possible adoption by the Khmer teachers towards the end of the third contract.

The program in BattamBang has been able to work with the rural teachers who are bussed to BattamBang which allows a larger group of teachers and

students access to our programs however this has not been possible in Kampong Thom and Kampong Cham to date. Another initiative that was useful in Kampong Thom was to allow Cambodian teachers to split the morning session in to two, thereby undertaking a session in ESL and a session in Maths. At the primary level this was considered very beneficial.

Some further areas to consolidate include communication with translators prior to the workshops. Internet access was limited ten years ago but as Skype and similar forms of communication contact will be easier.

We have 196 financial members and this number has been steadily rising.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian and Marg Allen for establishing, directing and guiding Teachers Across Borders Australia for the past 10 years (including the establishment period). Brian has encouraged new ideas and programs within our project agreement to allow for the best possible outcomes for education in Cambodia.

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Dates for next year

MEETINGS

- February 18th
- April 22nd
- June 17th
- August 19th
- October 14th
- November 25th AGM and brief
- Committee meeting.

Workshops in 2015

January—Battambang
Kampong Thom and
Kampong Cham

On behalf of all at TAB we would like to thank you for your support and further reports will be printed next year!!

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BORDERS A SAFE AND
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEAR.