# **Celebrating** Cambodia ICT Awards 2015 and ITU's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**Phnom** Penh. June 2015 18 Cambodian Time-A celebration was hosted at the Phnom Penh Sofitel Hotel for the Information Technology Communication (ICT) of Cambodia 2015, and the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The event was presided over by H.E Prak Sokhonn, Minister of the Ministry **Posts** and **Telecommunications** (MPTC) with presence of Cambodia-based ambassadors and diplomats of ASEAN country, representatives of ICT operators, and students.

In his opening speech, H.E Minister Prak Sokhonn noted that this auspicious ceremony clearly proves the efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia in promoting innovation in the ICT industry, that have focused on building environments to provide the best and equal opportunities for all people and businesses to fully participate in the digital economy.

The Cambodia ICT Award is a prestigious award dedicated to the best ICT achievement among entrepreneurs in Cambodia. This award aims to provide a benchmark for success in terms of innovation and creativity and offering business and funding opportunities, Minister explained.

"We hope it will help to enhance the capacity of ICT companies up to another level and to allow them to be at the forefront, or in the middle of regional and international contests including the ASEAN ICT Awards, the Asia-Pacific ICT Awards, and so on," he stressed.

"Moreover, the event will become a platform for ICT-related key actors to meet and exchange ideas as well as to build an alliance of networks that will be very beneficial for Cambodia."

"The ITU has played a leading role in telecommunications so far. We have known first the telegram and telephone, then radio and television, and now satellite systems and the internet which have brought in a new era of communication over the past two decades," said H.E Prak Sokhonn. "Now, the ITU has a membership of 193 countries and about 700 private institutions.

Cambodia has been a member of the ITU since 1952. In recent years, Cambodia has received technical assistance from the ITU, including building policy and regulation frameworks for the telecommunication sector, USO, spectrum management, and communications and high-speed internet licensing, amongst others."

On this important occasion, H.E Minister encouraged all stakeholders to support the ITU's activities at both the regional and global levels.

Finally, he thanked all colleagues and stakeholders who had attended and inspired the ceremony to proceed successfully and proudly, and congratulated the winners of Cambodia ICT Award 2015.

Following the official opening, H.E Minister Prak Sokhonn and H.E Sarak Khan, Secretary of the MPTC, were invited to present the Cambodia ICT Award 2015 to the winners in six different categories:

### **Public Sector:**

Winner: Developer of Business Registration System, Ministry of Commerce

#### **Private Sector:**

Winner: CAMEMIS Education Management System, CamFirst Technologies Co., LTD.

# **Corporate Social Responsibility:**

Winner: Phone Library Program, Aide et Action Cambodia (international NGO)

## **Digital contents:**

Winner: Chibi entertainment program, Chibi

# **Business Establishment:**

Winner: Smart Keyboard from ALiEN DEV

## **Research and Development:**

Winner: AE & C smart home products, Cambodia Angkor Engineering and Consulting.

Gold medal winners were awarded \$2,000, silver medal winners \$1,000, and bronze medal winners \$600.