

REPORT OF THE WORLD SIGHT DAY

October 09, 2012

In promoting people with eye problem to access eye care services in order to reduce avoidable blindness in Cambodia through the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and VISION 2020: The Right to Sight; Caritas Takeo Hospital (CTEH) agreed with National Program for Eye Health (NPEH) selected the special theme on Diabetic Retinopathy for the World Sight Day was held on October 09, 2012 to provide free of charge eye care services included eye consultation and eye treatment such as medicines, lasers and surgeries for all people in Takeo Province and around Cambodia. The purpose of this event was promoting to people with diabetes needs to have eye check up regularly because diabetic retinopathy can cause blindness due to its severe complications like retinal hemorrhage, macular edema and retinal detachment...etc.

Being to strengthen the collaboration and networking with other partners to promote the right of people with disability (PWD) and gender in Cambodia, so CTEH invited the Cambodia Development Mission for Disability (CDMD), the Disabled Youth Children Foundation For Education and vocation (DYCFE), the MoPoTsyo Information Center (MoPoTsyo), CBM in Cambodia, the Our Objective Organization (OOO) and the Catholic Church in Preykabash to attend and share experiences during this event.

The event intended to people to be aware about eye health especially diabetic retinopathy and involvement of relevant other disability and gender agencies in Takeo Province; therefore, it was divided into three steps. Firstly, hundreds people received the eye health education on diabetic retinopathy in the early morning at 6.30 am before going to register at 7.00 am until 8.00 am. Secondly, the event started at 8.05 am with following speeches of delegations were Mr. Te Serey Bonn, Program Director of CTEH, presented the purpose of the World Sight Day and mission of CTEH, Mr. Som Heak, representative of PWD, gave a speech on needs of PWD, Mr. Som Phum Monira, Director of Social affair, gave a speech on disability inclusion, Ms. Lim Bunly, Director of women affair, gave a speech on Women's rights issues in Cambodia. Mr. Lay Sambath, Deputy Director of Caritas Cambodia, gave a speech on involvement of Caritas Cambodia in eye health intervention, Dr. Hem Sareth, Director of Takeo Provincial Health Department (TPHD), gave a speech on good partnership between TPHD, Caritas Cambodia and other NGOs to support CTEH and opening ceremony. Lastly, the processes of eye registration, eye consultation, eye treatment were starting under clear scheduled, leaded and monitored by each chief of department to facilitate patient flow into the right direction. 260 patients came for eye consultation and 71 patients for surgery in the following days. Although the quantity of diabetic retinopathy was not high, it is an initial intervention to make people to gain more knowledge about diabetes regarding to preventable and treatable at the available eye care services especially in CTEH. End of the day, the reflection meeting was organized to discuss what had been done and presented a hug positive achievement to all staff. Morally, most of staff either ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses or other staff expressed their high satisfaction and commitment to help all patients to get eye care services at the hospital accordingly. Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital appreciates to thank for all partners and donors specially CBM, Dutch and ABC in involving to reduce avoidable blindness in Cambodia.

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Opening Ceremony



Voice of representative of people with disability (PWD), on needs of PWD



Registered

Checked VA by volunteers of CDMD (PWD)



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Ophthalmologist used Diode Laser (L) to treat diabetic retinopathy (donated by Ms. Pauline Lehmann)



Residency Ophthalmologist used YAG Laser to treat the posterior capsular opacity-PCO

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CTEH staff



Thank You!

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