

World Interfaith Harmony Week 1st Feb 2014

Working Group of Interfaith for Peace (WGIP) joint cooperation with 15 national and international organization in Cambodia which work closely to Peacebuilding in Cambodia among divers faith was celebrate the *World interfaith Harmony Week* which held on 1st of February 2014 took place in Phnom Penh city to ***Promote Interfaith Cooperation on Sustainable Development*** in Phnom Penh city, Cambodia. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the world interfaith harmony week for the faith cooperation engages the value of living together as difference culture of faith and tradition. Strengthen solidarity activities among diverse faith through faith sharing, exposure trip to the temple, mosque, and church with planting tree together represent from each religious as a symbol of faiths solidarity and to see how diverse faith can work out together for sustainable development in Cambodia.

Why we celebrate the World Interfaith Harmony Week? In September 2010, His Majesty King Abdullah proposed the launch of the World Interfaith Harmony Week at the UN General Assembly, which adopted the initiative. The World Interfaith Harmony Week was proclaimed by the General Assembly through a resolution adopted on 20 October 2010. In the resolution, the General Assembly pointed out that mutual understanding and inter-religious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace, and the World Interfaith Harmony Week was established as a way to promote harmony among all people regardless of their faith.

The event this year bring together 170 of participants from Buddhist, Islam, and Christian religious who has mission against the violent to integrate and transform conflict into peace started from individual to communities and to the society. The started point of the event from Wat ButTum temple to Toul Tompong Mosque, and to New Life Mission church with shared from each religious leader on their faith working together for sustainable development and open questions and answer were provided to religious leaders and the participants. Participants reflections, were exited to joint such a useful event as they aware many regarding to religious, most of their dark cloud were clear after participates full day interfaith exposure trip.

Recognizing the imperative need for a dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among the people. Reflect to the political deadlock in Cambodia, this event can be remind to Cambodia political, especially the principle of the state maker must be collaborate with each other to build Cambodia communities into unity, peace, and harmony "*People need peace and security both physically and spiritually*".