



EVENT, 6-7 FEBRUARY 2013

**EXPECTING 300-400
BUDDHIST, CHRISTIAN AND
MUSLIM PARTICIPANTS:**

**AT SEVEN MOUNTAINS, SAMPOV
LOUN DISTRICT, BATTAMBANG
PROVINCE, CAMBODIA**

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EVENT LOCATION

Announcement and Invitation

We are a group of Buddhist, Christian and Muslim based in Cambodia will be gathering in solidarity with people from the rest of the world to celebrate the World Interfaith Harmony Week.

The theme of our event is ***“Interfaith harmony, peace and nature”***. We are very happy to share this planned event with you. It will take place at a location namely Seven Mountain community, Sampov Loun district, Battambang province. We also would like to invite individuals or organizations who are interested to participate or to raise advocating messages related to Peace and Humanity.

Why we choose this location:

The location symbolizes years of struggle led by Venerable Phum Vibol to protect nature, particularly forest and wild life in the area. A mountain range with forest has been sanctuary of a number of extinct wild life species, some mountains have been invaded and cleared. However, the monk successfully managed to protect at least two larger mountains and has gained more cooperations and support from the local authority and the communities.

Nature is the core of all living creature including human. Though we are members of different faiths but we are from and depending on the same nature. So here is where we can begin our journey to become peaceful coexistence, live side by side in harmony depending on the same source of environment, the food we eat and air we breathe and the water we drink. We work together to protect our environment and nature, and that is also a wonderful opportunity to understand each other culture, way of life and build good relationship.



Program Summary

6 February 2013

- Travel by buses from Battambang town to Seven Mountain community
- Exploring forest, caves at the mountain area and talking with the community people
- Tree planting ceremony
- Religious views on Peace and Nature by religious leader of each faith
- Public Education Slide and video shows as part of evening entertainment

7 February 2013

- Formal ceremony
- Interfaith prayers
- Tour the caves
- Sitting circle meditation and reflection
- Religious morning prayers for King Sihanouk
- Return back Battambang town
- Disperse