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**EXPERIMENTATION CLASS FOR NEW SOCIAL SCIENCE
CURRICULUM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 1996,

8 A.M.

(Meeting venue: 169 Norodom Blvd.)

Three experimentation classes for the new Social Science Curriculum will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, December 28 1996 at a primary school in Phnom Penh. The three classes will be conducted with primary school students in level 2 (8 and 9 year olds) and will include Khmer traditional dance, music and craft. The purpose of the experimentation class is to familiarize teachers and students with the new curriculum. This will be the first time the children will learn about the dance and traditional music to the accompaniment of cassettes and recorders provided for the school.

Around 5,000 cassette recorders and 15,000 cassettes along with 300,000 textbooks and 30,000 teachers' manuals are currently being distributed to all primary schools throughout the Kingdom. The cassettes include the Cambodian National Anthem, traditional Khmer music and songs for dance and orchestral music typical to the Khmer culture.

The new curriculum which includes subjects like geography, history, human rights, environment, health and hygiene, was developed and produced in Cambodia by an editorial team of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport with financial and technical assistance from PASEC, European Union. The collaboration of UNESCO was also used to bring the textbooks up to an international standard.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the experimentation classes. Students and teachers will be on hand to speak to journalists who wish to interview them. Transportation for the event and will be leaving at around 8 a.m. from the above venue.

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