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### PRESS RELEASE

The *Community Sanitation & Recycling Organisation (CSARO)* in association with the *Khan Chamcarmon Authority* would like to announce the holding of a handing over ceremony, on Friday, January, 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 am, at Chey Chum Neah primary school, on St. 105 Boeung Keng Kang III, Chamcarmon. CSARO will hand over waste collection equipment to the three schools currently participating in its Environmental Hygiene Programme.

The three participating schools are:

Chey Chum Neah primary school, with	3,281 students
Yukontor High school, with	2,636 students
Toul Sleng Primary school, with	1,059 students
<b>Total of</b>	<b>6,976 students</b>

As you may be aware, schools and pagodas in Phnom Penh have often become the illegal dumping grounds in for city residents. CSARO's partner schools in the Environmental Hygiene Programme have requested assistance with this problem. In association with the Khan Authorities, CSARO helped facilitated a meeting between the Municipal waste contractor, PSBK and the school Directors to resolving this ongoing health threatening problem

Most schools lack classroom bins, basic waste storage containers and the simple means to move the waste safely in the school grounds. Additionally, they lack resources (materials and financial) to cover the costs of the regular collection fee. In discussions with the schools, CSARO has agreed to provide each school with sufficient bins, containers and other equipment to meet their needs. This will supplement CSARO's on-going programme and strengthen its co-operation with the schools. These efforts will also greatly improve the environmental conditions within and surrounding the schools where large numbers of children spend their day.

#### Background

The Community Sanitation & Recycling Organisation (CSARO) is a recently established local NGO, actively implement it's Neighbourhood Improvement Programme (NIP) for the last 12 months near Phnom Penh's main drainage canal in Khan Chamcarmon. CSARO's programme has three components:

- ◆ **Solid Waste Management** involving waste picker development activities including social and economic improvements through self-help groups. CSARO has established a *Waste Picker Development Centre* where many of these activities are centred, the Centre also provides washing and sanitation facilities to waste pickers.
- ◆ **Public Hygiene Awareness** aimed at increasing public knowledge, attitude and practice on environmental health and solid waste issues. Parts of this component are currently implemented in three schools in CSARO's pilot zone, at its waste picker development centre and in a number of urban poor communities
- ◆ **Community Development and Infrastructure Programme** assisting a number of urban poor communities to undertake and work through development activities (both physical and social) improvements, such as, access to clean water supply, sanitation, sewer construction, bridge and boardwalk construction and general environmental improvements.

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