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Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and the Technical Co-operation of Germany (GTZ) plan measures to alleviate poverty in Cambodia through skill training

Ladies and Gentlemen,

on behalf of the Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DTVET) of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, we kindly invite you to inform to the public about the ONEST programme, supported by the German Government.

On the occasion of the opening ceremony of the three days planning workshop we ask you kindly to consider the attached press Release for your information to the public and we would like to invite you to this event

on the Monday, 19th October 1998
at 8.00 a.m.
at Sunway Hotel (west side of Wat Phnom)

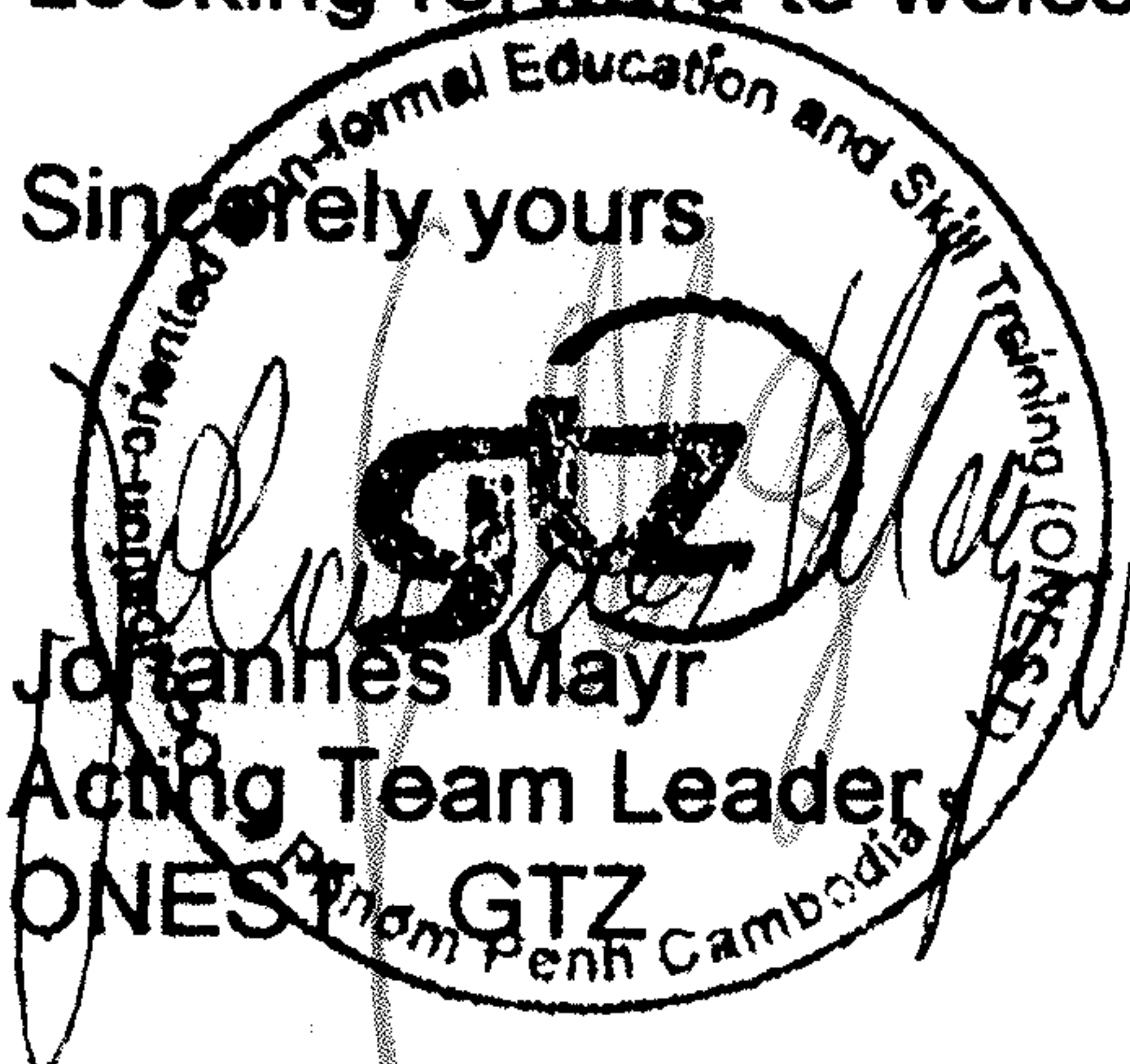
Please find a press release and more information attached to this letter.

Looking forward to welcome you on the ceremony we remain

Sincerely yours

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DRAFT Press release

DTVET / ONEST - GTZ

Skill training for the Cambodia's poorest

With co-operation between the Kingdom of Cambodia and Germany renewed in April this year, the technical Co-operation of the Federal Republic of Germany (GTZ) acting as the executing agency for the German Government and the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DTVET) from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS) are working together to develop skill training programmes for Cambodia's most economically disadvantaged rural poor.

The Occupation - oriented Non - formal Education and Skill Training Programme (ONEST) responds with short-cycle demand driven to generate additional income for youth and school drop outs, women heading households, disabled persons and adults without access to other skills training.

The training system adopted by MoEYS / DTVET was initiated by the very successful ILO Vocational Training for the Alleviation of Poverty project (VTAP) which trained over three thousand persons in seven provinces in a broad range of skills.

At present, various government departments and non-governmental organisations have received support through training centres and institutions of the DTVET including the Women in Development Centre in Kampong Speu from the Ministry of Women Affairs, Provincial training Centres in four provinces (Siem Reap, Banteay Meanchey, Battambang and Pursat), the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco Training Centre for Girls in Phnom Penh CAREERE in Banteay Meanchey, PADEK in Siem Reap, SKIP in Pursat.

To date more than sixty thousand USD has been assigned in local grants to improve training measures and to train people in skills including haircutting for men, hair dressing, reed and rattan mat weaving, silk weaving, fish farming, pig and chicken vaccination. At the end of 1998 more than 350 person will have benefited from the ONEST Programme with an expectation that at least up to 70% of trainees will use their new skills in improving their living conditions.

With responsibility for the training system now firmly in the hands of DTVET, the GTZ has been requested to provide continued support to further strengthening the training system and ministry capacity built up by the VTAP Project over the last five years.

Further support is vital for long term sustainability where the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training can fully operate training programmes without external donor assistance.

To co-ordinate this support, GTZ have invited representatives from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, International and non-governmental organisations, several



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private organisations and institutions, to participate in a planning workshop where the ONEST - Programme and DTVET will plan their activities for 1999.

The workshop will run from the 19th - 21st October 1998 at the Sunway Hotel in Phnom Penh.

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