



Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group

for the Promotion of the Prevention of Limb Loss and of the Provision of Prosthetic, Orthotic, Wheelchair/Special Seating, Medical and other vital Rehabilitation Services to persons of all ages suffering Limb Loss and associated Complex Physical Disabilities in the United Kingdom and Internationally

OFFICIAL TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY COMMEMORATES PROPOSED GROUND BREAKING PHILIPPINES SCHOOL OF PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS

At an official and ground breaking ceremony on the 19th July 2011 a time capsule was laid, which recognised the start of the building process of the new Cambodia Trust Philippines School of Prosthetics and Orthotics building in Quezon City.



Grace Padaca Governor of Isabela Province, Philippines, **Secretary Robredo** Department of the Interior and Local Government, **Lucio Tan** Chair of the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Centre, **Dr Raquel Cabazor** Dean of the College of Physical Therapy, **Ester Garcia** President University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Centre, **Patricia Licuanan** Chair Commission for Higher Education for the Philippines

The event was initially held at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Centre and then later, at the site of the future Cambodia Trust Philippines School of Prosthetics and Orthotics.

The new Cambodia Trust Philippines School of Prosthetics and Orthotics will change the landscape of Prosthetic and Orthotic service delivery in the Philippines, by training professional staff to fully assess and provide treatment, as well as important long-term care.

The planned four floor building is made possible by the Tan Yan Kee Foundation, and will provide

classrooms, library facilities and offices, as well as clinical and technical laboratories. These facilities will be fully equipped and staffed with the generous support of the Nippon Foundation of Japan.

On the occasion of this important milestone in the path to sustainable, accessible services for persons

with a disability, the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Centre and the new Cambodia Trust Philippines School of Prosthetics and Orthotics were fortunate to welcome many honoured guests including Patricia Licuanan, Chair of the Commission for Higher Education for the Philippines, Dr Lucio Tan, Chair of the Board for the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Centre, Ramon Magsaysay Jr. a Former Senator of the Philippines, Herbert Bautista Mayor of Quezon City, Michael Scott Cambodia Trust Representative, and Ms Raissa Laurel a law student and bomb blast survivor (pictured left).



These honored guests were also joined by representatives of government, disabled persons' organisations, non-governmental organisations, faculty, students and beneficiaries.



The Cambodia Trust's mission is to enable disadvantaged disabled people to participate in the normal life of the community. The Cambodia Trust aims to empower disabled people so they can break the cycle of poverty and live self-sufficient lives, with equal access to education and employment opportunities. It does this through rehabilitation, advocacy, capacity building, training and community-based rehabilitation.



Sof Khotichas (pictured left) is 11 years old. She lives with her parents and four brothers and sisters in Takhmao. She loves to play with her friends and is totally integrated into her community.

She became paralysed as a result of polio when she was a baby and was identified during a Cambodia Trust survey of her village. She received a wheelchair which greatly improved her mobility, and then received further support to enable her to attend Prek Tapao, her local school. She was also provided with school uniforms and books, which her family could not afford, and a ramp was installed at the school to enable her to access the classrooms and toilets.

Sok Samol (pictured right) had a landmine accident in 1990. He has been receiving prosthetic limbs from the Cambodia Trust since 1996. With support from our Community-based rehabilitation programme, Sok Samol received vocational training to learn how to repair motorbikes.

Through our small grants for small businesses project, Samol was able to establish a motorbike repair shop on a busy main street. **He is now generating enough income to support his family and send his children to school.**



To find out more about the Philippines School of Prosthetics and Orthotics and or the Cambodia Trust visit www.cambodiatrust.org.uk or contact Helen Cochrane CPO, Cambodia Trust Philippines Country Director via helen.cochrane@apos-asia.org.

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