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Media Alert

The Victims Support Section Organizes its Fourth Regional Forum for 300 Civil Parties in Case 002 in Kampong Chhnang Province

The Victims Support Section (VSS) of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) organizes its Fourth Regional Forum for 300 Civil Parties in Case 002. These civil parties will largely come from the northern provinces of Cambodia: Kampong Speu, Battambang, Pursat and Kampong Chhnang Provinces. The forum will be held at **Raksmei Sokha New York Hotel, Kampong Chhnang Town, on Thursday, 24 February 2011 from 7:30 a.m; (Civil Party's identity is protected).**

The purpose of the Regional Forum is to promote victims' participation by providing a safe venue and opportunity for Civil Parties (CPs) from those provinces:

- To meet Civil Party Lawyers to discuss their rights at the trial stage, as well as, to generate ideas from Civil Parties on collective reparations in order to formulate their civil claim ;
- To meet officials from various offices of the ECCC and civil society representatives in order to learn about recent progress of ECCC; and
- To meet CPs of Case 001 in order to learn about their experiences for a better involvement in Case 002.

The Regional Forum is one of the means through which the VSS implements its project on wider Victims' Improved Participation in the Proceedings of ECCC 2011 for empowering Civil Parties in judicial proceedings of Case 002. Number of Regional Forums had been successfully organized in Kratie, Kampot, Svay Rieng Provinces, and this time is the fourth Regional Forum this year to be held in Kampong Chhnang. Up to now, more than 1300 Civil Parties from eighteen provinces attended those Regional Forums. The VSS is going to organize the fifth Regional Forum in Siem Reap Province in Late April in order to ensure that the participation of over 2,000 Civil Parties have met their legal representations and other officials before the Hearing of Case 002.

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