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Celebrating International Women's Day 2019

Friday, March 8th is International Women's Day, a great day to celebrate and inspire women and men to promote gender equality. Each year of International Women's day is to emphasize the important issue and share the message to encourage everyone, distribute what still needs to be done and will play significant role in making better progress. What is on for International Women's Day this 2019?

While the role of women has greatly recognized from the way it used to be, women right and job opportunities are still being achieved. Individuals, non-governmental organization and government institutions take up activities to support all the women. To celebrate this year, Mrs. Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka, Secretary General and Executive Director of UN Women, has delivered her remarkable speech on the international woman's day, "Think equal, Build smart, Innovation for change" with focus on innovation approaches, empowering women and gender equality.¹

Cambodian National Action Plan 2019-2023 aims to prevent violence against women and girls, as well as to promote social morality and value of women. The Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) have also taken action to put women in priority, will continue to focus on the motivation of women and promote leadership in political, social and economic areas.² In the event marking the 108th anniversary of International Women's Day, Ing Kantha Phavi, minister of MoWA said "the number of females commune chiefs have increased from 42 in 2002 to 130 among 1,646 commune chiefs last year." In addition, Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen stated that the relevant ministries, authorities and non-governmental organization has worked together to support women and eliminate violence against women and girls.³ The improving gender equality and women's rights is significantly contributing in the development and prosperity of our country.

¹UN Women Asia and the Pacific, "Statement: "Think equal, Build smart, Innovation for change," March 8, 2019. (accessed March 10, 19) <http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2019/03/ed-statement-for-international-womens-day>

²OXFAM, "2019 Resolution, H.E. Ing Kanthaphavi, Ministry of Women's Affairs," <https://cambodia.oxfam.org/2019-resolution-he-ing-kanthaphavi-ministry-women%E2%80%99s-affairs>

³Cambodia News Gazette, "Cambodia Celebrates 108th Anniversary of International Women's Day," March 5, 2019. (accessed March 11, 19) <https://cambodianewsgazette.com/cambodia-celebrates-108th-anniversary-of-international-womens-day/>

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