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Brief Report

Dialogue reconciliation workshop
relating to the judgement in case 002/02 for interethnic communities

Objective: The dialogue reconciliation workshops aims at providing information about the crimes against ethnic Vietnamese during Khmer Rouge regime and to promote peace, equal access to justice, and human rights respect for interethnic communities to live peacefully and in harmony.

Methodologies: A civil party lawyer will be invited as speaker, and a Buddhist monk, an Imam and a priest will offer prayers and rituals for the victims during Khmer Rouge regime and give advice relating on reconciliation and peaceful of interethnic communities from intercultural/interfaith. Civil parties are invited to share experience during Khmer Rouge Regime and current living situation in their communities. A solidarity lunch will be offered and a documentary on the trial will be screened in collaboration with Handa Center.

Participants: There were totally 107 participants include 36 females attended two separate workshop held on 23rd March at Pshar Chhnang and 30th March at Chnok Tru of Kampong Chhnang province in which participants were invited from separate ethnicities in each target communities such as 44 ethnic Vietnamese civil parties & complainants and 63 their neighboring as Khmer, Khmer Krom, and Cham include 2 Buddhist Theravada monks, 2 imams, and 2 priests.

Output: Participants are interesting and happy to share experience during Khmer Rouge Regime and current situation in their communities regarding living standard and practice interfaith/intercultural. They are feeling relieved after the Buddhist Theravada monks, imam, and priest praying, rituals, and give advice relating reconciliation and peaceful. They are understanding about reparation and legal aspect of judgment case 002/02.

Outcome: interethnic communities from intercultural/interfaith; Ethnic Vietnamese civil parties and complainants, and their Cham, Khmer, and Khmer Krom neighbors were able to engage for reconciliation of the harm suffered during the Khmer Rouge regime, and prevent future violence and anti-Vietnamese resentment, promote peace and human rights respect.

Conclusion: they 'participants' can be live in peaceful and harmony by understanding the root cause of conflict factors and be able to engage with reconciliation and decreasing harm suffered as a direct result of genocide crime and increasing understanding how to promote peace and respect of human rights, especially the racial discrimination in their communities will be decreased with living in peace and harmony.

Positive impact: Intercultural practicing as Buddhist monk, Imam, priest: The freedom of practice religious and interfaith can be a good factor for promote peace and decrease discrimination in inter-ethnic communities.

Negative impact: Interfaith conflict between interethnic communities is not reconciled for instance person who practice Buddhism said that imam and priest can not have a seat equal Buddhist monk during praying.

Activity pictures

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