



Report and Acknowledgement Bakery Opening Ceremony



Introduction

Discover Your Possibilities (DYP) hosted a half day *Bakery Opening Ceremony* on Friday, 10th January, 2025 at our new center location. In this ceremony, several partners of DYP have been invited, including

- Mr. Francois Schnoebelen, Director of École d'Hôtellerie et de Tourisme Paul Dubrulle
- Mr. Mean Lux, Executive Director of PEPY Empowering Youth
- Mr. Hing Channarith, CEO of the Cambodia Children's Advocacy Foundation
- Mrs. Hong Thierry, Director of the Siem Reap Special Education High School
- Mr. Ngin Sophorn, Executive Director of Feeding Dreams Cambodia
- Mr. Thun Chantha, CEO of the Go Ahead Organization
- Mr. Ros Sophal, Vice President of Angkor University in charge of Public Relations and International Cooperation
- Supporters from various areas
- Students from Siem Reap Special Education

Objective of the ceremony

This ceremony was celebrated to express our gratitude toward our donors, making this bakery vocational training facility a reality, as well as to celebrate with our stakeholders, students, staff, and partners.

DYP's goal as a non-profit organization is to work toward empowering people with visual impairments by providing comprehensive support including vocational training courses. One of these courses is now the bakery vocational training, enabling the students to reach their full potential here and to improve their lives by getting jobs through skills they acquired at DYP.



So, the purpose of this ceremony was also to demonstrate how DYP together with the support of our donors at the other end of the world Kinderfonds, Munich and Welt-kirche, Regensburg - have created opportunities for our students through this project.

Summary of the ceremony



The ceremony commenced with a very warm welcome speech by Mr. Sang Vanndy, Executive Director of DYP.

Mr. Francois Schnoebelen, Director of École d'Hôtellerie et de Tourisme Paul Dubrulle (EHT), followed as our main partner in this project. He expressed his appreciation of supporting DYP's mission. Furthermore, he shared the long journey of collaboration toward the goal which was doubted by others, even by the Ministry of Labor, he had spoken to. DYP proofed

the bias a myth by having our blind students bake independently.

This journey, Mr. Schoebelen mentioned, was characterized by several meetings between the Directors of both schools including some workshops at EHT, which demonstrated that people with visual impairments could be successful in jobs geared toward bakery and beverage in the same way than sighted people, furthermore given that all techniques will fulfill EHT's standards in this area. He emphasized various employment opportunities for DYP-students after a successful graduation based on EHT's partnership with the Accor Group, a large worldwide hospitality company. He expressed to support the sale of the bakery products in various restaurants and hotels of his network, if DYP would bake enough and in good standards.



The event continued with a blessing ceremony by monks praying for a successful run of the bakery and the future of our DYP students.

This blessing ceremony was followed by the ribbon cutting ceremony, carried out by Mr. Schnoebelen the representative of DYP, Veronika Geyer.



The activities were going along with Khmer traditional music performed by DYP-students and the ceremony concluded with a lively chit chat and snacks, specially made by DYP-students.

Also, we would like to mention here, that one of our students, which never had been at school before has mastered in 2 years at DYP English and Khmer to such a degree, that she passed the entrance exam to this prestigious EHT she is attending now. Mr. Schnoebelen underlined his amazement in his speech and he reassured his openness for the possibilities of DYP students to study at EHT, if the can pass the entrance exam and equal job opportunities after a successful graduation.

DYP and all students would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Kinderfonds and the Weltkirche for this Training Center which will make so much more possible and will have a lasting impact on the lives and future of DYP's students.



Guests are visiting the bakery while students are preparing snacks and drinks





Different delicious Sandwiches and an unbelievably tasteful chocolate brownie were offered in a little Package, together with different drinks from students of the Beverage Training Center.

Pictures of DYP's Bakery before opening



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