

# Award Recipient

Mr. YI VEASNA (Cambodia, 35 years old)

## ■ Current Occupation

Executive Director of the National Center of Disabled Persons  
Secretary-General of National Paralympic Committee of Cambodia

## ■ Education and Work History



1994	Established Cambodia Disabled People rganization (CDPO).
1995	Established a Braille library.
1997	Executive Director of the National Center of Disabled Persons and Secretary-General of National Paralympic Committee of Cambodia. (present post).
2001	Graduated from Norton University Law School (BA Course).
2003	Graduated from Pagna Sastra University Law School (MA Course).

## ■ Major Accomplishments

- Mr. Veasna became infected with polio when he was six years old. He began committing himself to the movement of the disabled when he was in his junior year at university.
  - Together with his friends, Mr. Veasna worked to establish several organizations for the disabled, including the Cambodia Disabled People Organization (CDPO), Disability Action Council (DAC) and Blind Association in Cambodia (BAC). At present, as the Executive Director of the National Center of Disabled Persons, a cross-sectional organization for people with various disabilities, he is devoted to empowering the disabled in Cambodia. Representing Cambodian disabled people, he is also committed to international movements.
  - He occasionally visits farm villages to offer devices for assisting local disabled people who rarely access necessary services, and to provide land mine victims with opportunities to learn handicraft skills. Moreover, through TV and other media, he works to enhance public awareness of disability-related problems. He is a pioneer in various programs designed to support the independence of disabled people.
  - Through effective use of information technology, he developed the Braille system for Cambodian language and established a Braille library.
  - He also established the National Paralympic Committee of Cambodia, where he has assumed the post of Secretary-General and is promoting sports among the disabled. In this way, he is working to empower the disabled, both in Cambodia and other countries.

## ■ Future Projects

- Being disabled himself, Mr. Veasna is firmly determined to help other disabled people, regarding them all as his friends. To date, he has been a key person in disability-related programs in Cambodia. In coming years, he is expected to play a leading role in addressing various disability-related challenges in various Asian

countries, as well as Cambodia, by establishing partnerships with national governments, international organizations and NGOs.

CCC-NGO GPP / Working Group

**Name:** H.E. Yi Yeasna

**Qualification:** Master degree in Law

**Working Experience:** 19 years experience involved with NGO sector and contributed to develop Civil Society, especially on Disability Sector such as Cambodian Disabled People Organization (CDPO), Disability Action Council (DAC), National Centre of Disabled Person (NCDP) and The National Paralympic Committee of Cambodia (NPCC). He was awarded the 9th Annual Kazo Itoga Memorial 2005 in Japan as Achieve Superior result and Making outstanding contribution to the development of Welfare for People and People With Disability in Japan.



**Areas of Expertise:** Advocacy Disability Issue.

**Current Position & Name of institution:** Advisor to the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Secretary General of the National Paralympic Committee of Cambodia and Executive Director of the National Centre of Disabled Persons.

**Specific Experience relevance:** Governance, Relationship/Communication, Human Resource Management.

Involvement in NGO GPP: Since 2004