

Press Release

**SCG Offers Scholarships to 270 high school and university students**

SCG, a leading business conglomerate in the ASEAN region, has handed scholarships to 270 high school and university students, bringing the total number of scholars from the group’s educational CSR program to more than 1,500 after nine years.

Among the 270 scholarship packages, 250 are given to high school students while the other 20 packages are given to students who are pursuing their studies at the universities.

Mr. Ratchayut Kasemchaisiri, SCG Cambodia’s Country Director, said education has been considered as one of three areas of focus for SCG’s corporate responsibilities – the other two being healthcare & well-being and the environment.

**“At SCG, we are committed to improving the quality of life of people in the countries where we operate. And​ supporting education is key to achieve this objective. So, we believe that our financial support for these scholars will give them the peace of mind that they will be able to pursue their studies without having to worry about financial burden. And we hope that through this Sharing the Dream campaign, the scholars will be able to realize their dreams in the future,” said Mr. Ratchayut Kasemchaisiri.**

Awarding ceremony was presided over by Cambodia’s Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, H.E. Som Rattana and Thailand’s Ambassador to Cambodia, H.E. Cherdkiat Atthakor.

H.E. Som Rattana said private companies like SCG are playing very significant roles in supporting the government’s education efforts in Cambodia.

**“Awarding scholarships to these students for them to achieve their dreams is really important. Some may have dreams but the lack the means to realize their dreams. That is why helping ones to achieve their dreams is really important for us all,” said H.E. Som Rattana.**

Thailand’s Ambassador to Cambodia, H.E. Cherdkiat Atthakor wished the scholars to do well with their studies with the support from SCG.

**“Education is not only open doors of opportunities for individuals but also for sustained peace and prosperity in the country. Cambodia has a great number of talented and potential members of this young generation who need to be nurtured and become a driving force for future of this country,” said H.E. Cherdkiat Atthakor.**

Khom Keo, one of the scholars who is in his year four at the University of Health Science, has expressed his delight after receiving the scholarship support.

**“I’m so happy with this program because, first, it helps support poor high school students and it does not end there. And second, it does not give up those students but continue to help them when they pursue their studies at the universities. So, it helps those who have the dream but lack the means to pursue their studies so that they can realize their dreams and build their future,” said Khom Keo.**

SCG Sharing the Dream was launched in 2014 and the program gives scholarships to students who perform well at schools, who are keen to pursue their higher education and need financial support to achieve this dream, who care about their communities and who respect parents and senior people.