

International Community Engagement Program 2007 - Cambodia Tour Report

Second International Community Engagement Program took place between 19 - 28 December, 2007 in Cambodia.

Participating Artists



Midori Goto (Vn)
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Keiko Murata (Va)
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Activities

At each school/center, the activities began with the singing of the Cambodian national anthem, followed by children's songs and dances. After that, the participating artists played works by Tchaikovsky and Mendelssohn after brief explanations of the instruments and composers. There was an opportunity for the children to touch the instruments and interact with the participating artists.

20 December, 2007 Phnom Penh

Rehearsal at Royal University of Fine Arts (RUFA)



21 December, 2007 Kompong Cham

Kompong Cham Province is located three hours from Phnom Penh by car.



Visit Concert 1 - 16:00

Chrey Taso Primary School

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 150

The concert was held in the schoolyard. The artists performed under an awning.

22 December, 2007 Kompong Cham

Visit Concert 2 - 8:00

Boeng Kak Secondary School

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 150

At 7:00 a.m., when the participating artists arrived at the school gate, a great number of children lined up to welcome them.

The artists played among the children so that all the children had a clear view of the performers.



Visit Concert 3 – 10:00

Teacher Training College (TTC) in Kompong Cham Province

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 200

At the end of each performance, the students put handmade leis around the artists' necks.



Visit Concert 4 – 13:30

Kruosar Thmey School for the disabled

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 150

In this school, students aged 6 to 14 with visual or hearing disabilities learn English and study traditional instruments in addition to the regular curriculum.

At the concert, enough time was provided for the students with visual disabilities to feel the sounds by touching the instruments.



23 December Phnom Penh

Visit Concert 5 – 9:30

Cambodia Dump Children Committee

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 150



We also invited children from the Center for Children to Happiness supported by Japan Team of Young Human Power (JHP). The artists toured the facilities after the concert and interacted directly with the children.

CJCC Concert – 14:00

Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC)
Multi-Purpose Hall

Total audience: c. 400

Joint hosts: Embassy of Japan in Cambodia / CJCC



Many children from orphanages and citizens were invited to the concert.

24 December Phnom Penh

Visit Concert 6 – 9:00

Sakura Kbal Chrouy Primary School

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 100

The school incorporates music other than traditional Cambodian folk songs into its music classes. At the end of the concert, the artists played a Turkish March together with the children.



Visit Concert 7 – 10:30

Kien Klaing Center

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 50

This establishment is dedicated to the rehabilitation of people maimed by land mines or children born with deformities. We allowed time for audience members to touch the instruments directly.



25 December Phnom Penh

Visit Concert 8 – 9:30

Kolab 1 Primary School

Total audience: c. 50

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We were invited to the inauguration ceremony of a new school building for music. The ceremony was attended by donors, important guests and members of the marching band. The concert was held in the new school building.



Royal University of Fine Arts (RUFA) concert – 15:00

RUFA Hall

Joint concert by the participating artists, Angkor Youth Orchestra and Wat Phnom Sakura Marching Band

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 500

(The audience included: members of the orchestra/marching band, students of the primary/secondary schools affiliated with RUFA)

26 December Compong Speu

Compong Speu Province is situated one hour from Phnom Penh by car.

Visit Concert 9 – 10:00

Akak Mohesey Primary School

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 300



This school had won the prize of a music competition held by Japan Team of Young Human Power (JHP). The concert was held in the schoolyard to meet their request that more students could enjoy the concert.

Visit Concert 10 – 14:30

Teacher Training College (TTC) in Kompong Speu Province

Total number of students attending the concert: c. 200



There was an opportunity to play Cambodian traditional instruments.

27 December Siem Reap

The party visited Angkor Wat.



Visit Concert 11 – 9:00

Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC)

Total audience: c. 100

The concert was held for the day patients at the entrance hall.

We held an unscheduled concert for the staff of the hospital in a meeting room. The room was filled with staff members, dressed in white.



Visit Concert 12 – 15:00

Center for Children in Phnom Kraom

Total number of children attending the concert:
c. 500

This center's activities include a pre-school program, a nutrition program and basic hygiene education for children.

In the concert, the participating artists played "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and all the participants sang along.



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