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The Cambodian Victimized People of the Khmer Rouge Regime will receive \$100 US dollars from Dr. Handa Fund

The Cambodian people who were suffered during the Khmer Rouge Regime from 1975 to 1979 will receive some compensation from “Dr. Handa Fund” within the near future.

Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, President of the University of Cambodia, said that the Dr. Handa Fund had been established to commemorate and compensate the Khmer Rouge victims. This project was initiated by the University of Cambodia and supported by Dr. Haruhisa Handa, Chairman of World Mate Organization, and Chancellor of the University of Cambodia. This fund will distribute aid to the victims of the Khmer Rouge Genocide for the purpose of commemorating those who had tragically passed away and strongly affected by the Khmer Rouge Regime.

Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, President, University of Cambodia, confirmed that for the first project, the budget amount is one million and three hundred thousands US dollars. Of which, one million US dollars was donated by the World Mate Organization, and three hundred thousands was donated by Dr. Haruhisa Handa. This fund would be timely distributed to the victims of the Khmer Rouge.

Following the assessment, Dr. Kao resumed that each victimized family could receive \$100 US dollars to commemorate their decease love ones. So far, one could not confirm how many families would be able to receive the aid, but for the first phase, Dr. Kao Kim Hourn said that the distribution would be done in October 2005 for impoverished wi'ows' families.

The prominent supporter of this project was Dr. Haruhisa Handa who said during the conference that the compensation budget was a small amount of money that could not adequately reimburse for the destruction and the suffering of the Cambodian people. Especially, the Khmer Rouge victimized families, but it was a small amount of money to console them or to spiritually heal the victims. The Fund's Chairmans appeal to other humanitarian organization to join in supporting this prominent project.

It worth mentioning that recently the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations have agreed to establish the Khmer Rouge Tribunal to put on trail surviving Khmer Rouge leaders. However, they didn't confirm when this tribunal will take place. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, finally, reaffirmed that apart from helping to console people, this project would help to alleviate their poverty.