

News Items from Department of Geography for *SOSC Faculty E-Newsletter (5 September 2013)*

■ Geography Departmental Field Camp to Cambodia (20-26 May 2013)

From 20 to 26 May, the 2013 Geography Departmental fieldcamp took place in Cambodia. Dr. Xiaojiang Yu, Prof. R. Bernhart Owen, Dr. Chun Yang, Mr. Johnson Yeung, Mr. Serey Sok and 60 students from the Geography Major, China Studies – Geography Option, GEOG-LST double degree programmes participated in the fieldcamp. The theme of the fieldcamp this year is: **A Geographic Tour of Cambodia**. The fieldcamp was concentrated in two regions which were: Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.

In *Phnom Penh*, all of participants attended lectures at the Royal University of Phnom Penh, the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC), the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, and the Youth for Peace. Many other activities were also carried out, such as visiting Jie Wei Garment Factory, slum areas, urban housing project, Independence Monument, the Royal Palace, Toul Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crime, and the Russian Market.

In *Siem Reap Region*, we visited the Angkor Complex which includes the Angkor Wat - the most famous World Heritage Site in Southeast Asia. Also, a survey on socio-economical development and environmental issues was conducted at the Floating Village in Tonle Sap Lake.

In the final day, students gave excellent presentations in six groups based on their learning and observations during the fieldcamp. Prof. Owen and Dr Yang made very positive comments and suggestions to each presentation. After the presentation as Head of Department, Prof. Owen summarised the fieldcamp with a great appreciation of students' performance and fieldcamp organisation.

The students have greatly improved their understanding of socio-economic development, urban, housing and environmental issues, rural communities, as well as physical, cultural, regional and political geography in Southeast Asia, Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta. All of participants have enjoyed very much the meaningful experience in Cambodia.



Group photo at Royal University of Phnom Penh



Group photo at Angkor Wat



United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office



Jie Wei Garment Factory



Toul Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crime



Visiting slum area



Floating Village in Tonle Sap Lake



Angkor Wat



The Royal Palace



Students trying local Cambodia Food



The Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC)



Russian Market