



Pichey Ly is a junior student at **Royal University of Phnom Penh**, majoring in **Philosophy** (Year IV). Recently, in the International Day of Peace September 21st 2008, **Pichey** was awarded a title as **Collegiate Ambassador for Peace** by Universal Peace Federation which affirms the following universal principles: 1.We are one world one family, 2.The highest qualities of the human being are spiritual and moral reality, 3.The family is the “school of love and peace”, 4.Living for the sake of others is the way to reconcile the divided human family, and 5.Peace comes through cooperation beyond the boundaries of ethnicity, religion and nationality. In addition, he has been selected to study in the United States for about five weeks in the program called, ‘**Study of the United States Institute for Student Leaders**’. This is the intensive course established for international students to exchange their mutual understanding as well as learning about leadership style of the United States. So far, he has illustrated himself the leadership skills in different capacities. In 2006 and 2007, he was selected out of many applicants for a **leadership** training program in Malaysia, Thailand and South Korea. Since then he has been involved in different activities related to leadership arena.

Pichey was born to a poor family in Phnom Penh city and has grown up with his dream for better leadership in the society. This concept always encourages **Pichey** since he was a very young boy and he wants to help promote leadership among young people. **Pichey** has lived a very challenging life; his parents divorced when he was 10 years old and he struggled to live with 11 siblings in the family, because of this Pichey has been working very hard since he was 8 years old. He had to do different kinds of work to get the money to support his family such as selling Khmer cakes, disserts, Khmer noodle, porridge, ice tea, and Khmer fruits. He used to be a labor worker (carry sand from the river or lake to the truck) etc.

Pichey has been working with different NGOs involving training activities and guiding young Cambodians to learn to lead themselves and work as a team. The training topics include gender, human rights and domestic violence. He has also been involved in activities to help poor children, poor communities, and especially he has helped prepare lectures on importance of morality in daily life. Pichey used to be a president of Youth Peace Council Network of Cambodia (**YoPeC**), director of Volunteer Youth Foundation for Society Crisis in Cambodia of Khmer Youth and Social Development Organization (**KYSD**), director of Student Public Relation at Volunteer Student Club of Cambodia (**VSC**), Women Committee at Cambodian Student Christian Movement Organization (**CSCM**), Volunteer staff at Coalition for Road Safety Organization (**CRY**), Volunteer staff at Universal Peace Federation (**UPF**).



Born as **Cambodian**, **Pichey** determines to establish a good model for the young generation of Cambodia. He does believe that all the experience that he has gained so far has consolidated his commitment to his society and he believes he would be able to make remarkable contribution to the growth and development of knowledge about leadership in general for Cambodian youth, as well as further understanding of and research into Cambodia political culture and leadership. To achieve his goal, he is currently working as member of the Executive Committee with the Outstanding Youth Group of Cambodia (**OYG-CAM**); a group of dynamic young people that strives to promote youth interest and participation in social affairs by providing them with the venues and opportunities to enhance their capacity and equip their skills, promote their profile and prepare themselves to be leaders of the future generation.

