

## VIC Participates in 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Physiotherapy Congress



On December 10-11, Veterans International of Cambodia both participated in and helped organize the Two Day National Congress presented by the Cambodia Physical Therapy Association (CPTA). The annual congress took place at the Technical School for Medical Care and focused on the theme “Empower Physical Therapy in Cambodia” The congress was attended by 137 participants including physiotherapists from the VIC centers. The Guest of Honor was H.E. Cham Tony, Undersecretary of State for Ministry of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY).

The overarching goal of the event was to expand physiotherapists’ knowledge, thereby improving the overall quality of physiotherapy in Cambodia. More specifically, the congress had 5 objectives: to enhance the compliance of the Physical Therapy National Standard as well as Physiotherapy Professional Code of Ethic; to enhance professional communication nationally and internationally; to share knowledge, experiences and new technologies within the Cambodian physiotherapists community; to elect the CPTA Board of Directors; and to promote full participation of its members in professional development.



The Congress included presentations by experts in the field. Presentations included the Assessment and Physical Therapy Management of Traumatic Knee Condition, Burn and Rehabilitation, Role of Physiotherapy in Major Burn Injury, Early Detection, Prevention and Intervention of Disabilities, Constrain Induced Movement Therapy (CIMT) on Stroke and Hemiplegic Cerebral Palsy, and PT National Standard for Physical Rehabilitation Sector. In addition VIC’s Physiotherapist Mentor Tokyo Bak introduced the CPTA website to participants and explained the accomplishments of CPTA in 2010.

The CPTA conducted a survey at the end of the congress to see if the participants were satisfied with the organization as well s the congress that was held. The survey found that participants were interested in continuing to participate in CPTA and in further developing physiotherapy in Cambodia.

