



Youth are Active in Election

Focal youth is playing important role to motivate their friends to get out to register their names for the elections.



PDP-Center is working with 200 focal youths that's most of them are very active, especially youth in three districts of Sang Ke, Bannan and Battambang city, Battambang province. For example a focal youth, **Mr. Hang Panrachna**, aged 20, is one of active youths in Sangkat Or. Mal. He works as a volunteer of Youth Participation in Democratic Election Project (YPDE). **Panrachna** said that “before I become a PDP-Center focal youth, I don't know the process of a new voter registration system and I felt so shy. I am not brave to work with the local authority. More importantly, I was not aware of the voting registration and voting process at all. After I became a volunteer as focal youth with PDP-Center in my community I feel I have changed a lot.” He added that “currently, I try to engage youth to attend in the training courses on democracy and election.” **Mr. Panrachna** himself has attended many activities organized by PDP-Center included training on election observation on voter registration process. He also signed on the commitment paper to register on the voting registration and also shared this paper with his other friends and people in the community.



Panrachna has helped improvement of the communication between local authority and youth group since he became the focal youth with PDP-

Center in 2016. The relationship between youth group and the local authority are better. Sometimes local authority contacted youth group, especially PDP-Center's focal youth to attend other social activities, observe new voter registration process. Now there are more influenced from youth at commune level to improve the process of voter registration if we compared to the past that young people were afraid to talk.



Panrachna has committed that he will mobilize more youth to work with PDP-Center for the upcoming commune election 2017 to guarantee free and fair election in his commune.

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