

Press Announcement

Online Photos Exhibition Launching of "Warm Shelter" & "Colors of Love" Music Video

Commemorate the International Human Rights Day (IHRD) 2020, Rainbow Community Kampuchea Organization (RoCK) organized the online launching of photos exhibition called "Warm Shelter" and the Music Video "Colors of Love", from 4th to 11th of December 2020 on RoCK's social medias, including Facebook, Twitter and Website. This event aims at celebrating the diversity of love and visibility of Cambodian LGBT+ families or rainbow families, which make Cambodia a Warm Shelter for all people, including LGBT+ community, and we will continue growing love.

"Warm Shelter" photos exhibition is about rainbow families in Cambodia which display photos and stories of seven LGBT+ families with diverse conditions, some are biological and some are foster. Although there is no legal marriage and legal adoption for same-sex couples yet, love is still the core to form and maintain families. Love refers to honesty, responsibility, ability to discuss with each other, and caring for each other. The photos were taken by Prum Ero, collaborated with Sa Sa Art Projects, and supported by Document Our History Now.

Below is the photo and quote of one story "Our Wishes for the Next Generation"⁴:



Grandpa Thon: *"Look back to the past, we both almost lost each other because her parents forced her to marry another man and they even threatend me using weapon. However, our pure love and determination have won them all. She and I are getting older now and it's almost too late for us to get married. We've been sharing our life experience to get support from our community and to have the law protecting LGBT people in the next generation. So that they have the chance and right to get married and fulfill their wishes because it is their happiness. This is my biggest wish."*

"Colors of Love"⁵ by young artists Chilly & Heang, also emphasize the Love people have for their family, the loved ones, friends, or even for oneself. All love is equal regardless of their class, age, sex,

⁴ <https://rockcambodia.org/our-wishes-for-the-next-generation/>

⁵ <https://youtu.be/NWlBoi6vDvc>

gender, race, and color. The profound meaning of this music video has been reflected through the participation of volunteers who are from different backgrounds.

While people in Cambodia are facing a tremendous challenging time, the first Covid-19 community outbreak, RoCK hope that these photos and MV will brings human stories and convey hope and encouragement to public. Nonetheless, Cambodia citizens could celebrate their human rights on the 10th December 2020, which vulnerable community like LGBT+ also could raise some voices.

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