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The final statement of the Research Seminar on the

Challenges and Perspectives of Families in Cambodia and the ASEAN Region
We, the 178 participants, including students, staffs, and professors of Saint Paul Institute; directors of high schools in Takeo; representatives of the Takeo Provincial Department of Education, Youth, and Sport; representatives of the Office of Education, Youth and Sport in Tramkak district, Takeo province; representatives of civil society organizations; representatives of the Apostolic Vicariate of Phnom Penh; students and professors from Lao; students and professors from the Notre Dame University of Australia; and H.E Bishop Olivier Schmitthaeusler, the Apostolic Vicar of Phnom Penh, the founder and Chancellor of Saint Paul Institute, and chair of the seminar, attended the research seminar on the Challenges and Perspectives of Families in Cambodia and in the ASEAN Context. The seminar took place from January 10th to January 12th, 2018, and was organized by Saint Paul Institute in collaboration with Caritas Cambodia. Keynote speakers from expert ministries were invited to present topics on families. There were speakers from the Senate of Cambodia, representatives from the Ministry of Social Affairs, representatives from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, representative monks from Buddhism, and representatives from Islam.
We had a common understanding of a family as a group of people united by biological factors and with or without a wedding certificate. In addition, a family is a group of people determined by sexual relationships, and producing and educating children. A family is composed of a husband and wife and their children.
According to the philosophy of Christianity, a family is part of God’s plan in which a man and woman live together, becoming one body, and producing and educating their children, and ruling this universe based on God’s law of love.
2- Rights of FAMILY

1. The right to life
2. The right to live without social pressure
3. The right to receive health care
4. The right to receive legal protection
5. The right to access education
6. The right to speech
7. The right to choose a religion
8. The right to choose one’s spouse
9. The right to proper housing
10. The right to earn a legal living
| 11 | The right to participate in politics |
| 12 | The right of protection for mothers, infants, elderly people, and people with disabilities |
| 13 | The right to create associations |
| 14 | The right to access information |
| 15 | The right to migrate and seek refuge |
| 16 | The right to inherit wealth |
| 17 | The right to lead and manage the family independently |
| 18 | The right to produce and limit the number of children |
| 19 | The right to manage one’s belongings independently and legally |
| 20 | The right to adopt children |
3- គោលការណ៍ វិជ្ជាជាតិប្រើប្រាស់ប្រភេទទី២

Duties and Responsibility of Family

1. For Families
   - Provide mutual love
   - Help each other
   - Help achieve family members’ goals
   - Realize one’s own roles
   - Have confidence in each other
   - Motivate each other
- Have a clear family plan
- Protect the family’s reputation
- Be tolerant and educate children
- Protect the family’s property
- Have a good relationship between both sides of the families
- Advise children to become good people in society
- Be clever at various tasks and look after each other with unconditional love
- Look after elders
- Educate members of the family about religion
2. For societies:

- Take part in social activities and development (e.g., do charity work, clean and protect environment)
- Respect the laws of society
- Intervene and seek to solve social problems
- Don’t be egocentric
- Forgive and educate
- Have solidarity within the family and with
- Other families in the community
Needs to build Peaceful FAMILY

1. An adequate family income
   - Decent jobs
   - Saving and spending money in the right way
   - Discussing about money and providing the right to use money

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2-Education

- Education about married life
- Parents providing education for their children
- Requiring children to go to school
- Providing physical, verbal, and psychological education to the members of the family

3-Good mental and physical health in the family
4-A stable and peaceful society
5-Respect for and following the teachings of religion
6-Making plans for the family together
7-Each family member carrying out his/her responsibilities
8-Happy, confident, safe discussions among the family members
9-Unconditional love all the time

Unconditional Love
To maintain happy families

- Eliminate unemployment, illiteracy, drug and alcohol abuse, and gambling
- End discrimination against and increase support for people with mental problems
- Work against domestic violence, trafficking, rape, and child abuse
End discrimination against people with disabilities and the elderly and caste
-Properly manage social media, especially preventing pornography and attacks on people’s dignity
-Protect people’s privacy on social media
-Eliminate corruption, egocentricity, factionalism, and injustice in society
-Work against unfair comparisons and jealousy in society; and
-Work to eliminate adultery.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH