

HOPE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

TEACHING SKILLS, CHANGING FUTURES

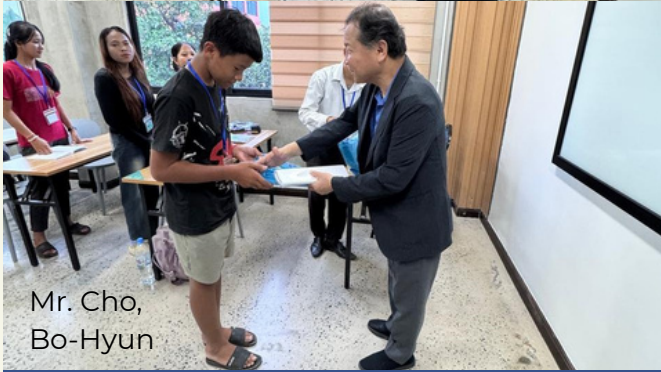
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EARLY BIRDS GET ... COFFEE

Evening classes at HVS start at 5:30 and conclude at 7:00. Many of the students have regular jobs during the day, and some of them are still in high school. It can be hard for them to make it to class on time. But there are a few students who regularly get to school early. Cafe Drops, the coffee shop, is a great hang-out spot for students to enjoy.



NEW UNIFORM SHIRTS

In Cambodia, it is customary for all students to wear uniform shirts. When HVS opened, we had not yet selected a uniform. About a month after school started, however, the shirts arrived. The day the shirts were distributed, the Bridge of Hope Board was making a scheduled visit. Chairman General KIM Deuk Hwan and Missionary Sunlae Kim helped distribute the shirts along with other guests, and Missionary Sunlae made a generous donation to help pay for them.

Teacher Linda thinks that the shirts were important because they resulted in the students taking the school and their studies more seriously.



SPEAKING ACTIVITIES

As a vocational school, we emphasize speaking and listening skills because these are the skills our students will need most in the workplace. Since students can be shy and sometimes have trouble projecting their voices when they try to speak a new language, we have found that using karaoke style speakers and microphones can help. This allows teachers as well as classmates to hear everything.



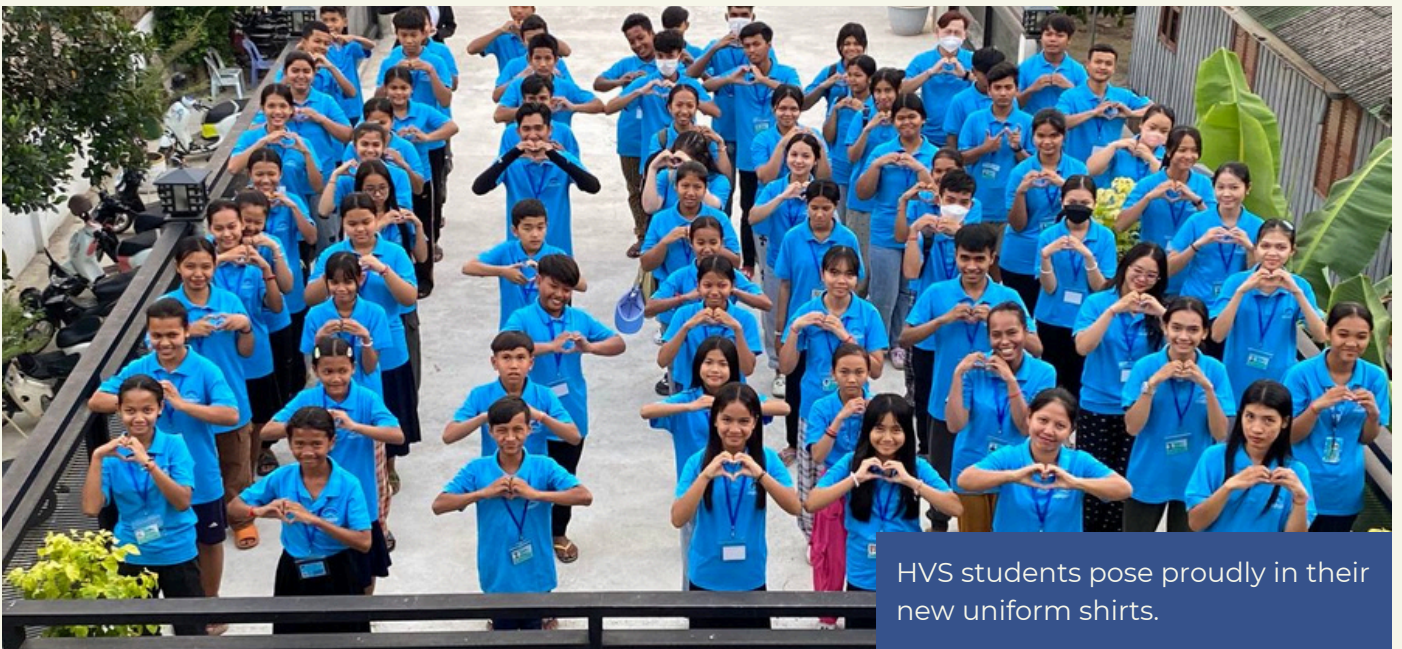
TEACHER HIGHLIGHT: MR. IM NAK

Korean language teacher Nak has a background that makes him especially suited to his position at HVS. Not only does he have experience as a Korean language teacher, but he also has two years of experience as a Khmer language teacher. A deep understanding of one's own language facilitates teaching a second language to others. When he is not teaching, teacher Nak likes to turn the tables and learn. He said, "I enjoy anything related to gaining knowledge." According to teacher Nak, some of his students aim to take exams and work in Korea eventually, and he sincerely hopes they will achieve this goal.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: MRS. HIM SOPHEAK

Sopheak is a busy wife and the mother of two daughters, but she is making time to study the Korean language at HVS. She is a wonderful cook, and she also helps her husband on his organic farm. She has a side business selling cosmetics, and she enjoys doing makeup for herself and others in her spare time. Her dream is to someday be a Korean language teacher at HVS. Sopheak said, "I would like to thank HVS for opening this vocational school in my community . . . it will help the younger generation to have a better future."



HVS students pose proudly in their new uniform shirts.



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