

# Cambodia 5S Award Competition



*Representatives of 5S award competitors gather for a commemorative photo with Senior Minister Dr. Cham Prasidh.*

**J**oining the APO in 2004, Cambodia remains the youngest member country. The National Productivity Centre of Cambodia (NPCC) was initially under the auspices of the Ministry of Industry Mines and Energy, which has been recently split into the Ministry of Industry and Handicraft and Ministry of Mines and Energy. The NPCC is currently under the former.

5S was introduced in Cambodia in 2005, one year after the NPCC was established. To support SMEs, fundamental 5S, kaizen, productivity awareness, production management, and quality control toolkits have been translated into Khmer for easy use by owners, workers, and others who may not be proficient in English.

Currently, 5S implementation has been mainstreamed in the service, agriculture, and industry sectors in most provinces, including Battambang, Kompong Cham, Kompong Som, Pursat, and Kompong Som. A 5S demonstration project was carried out in 2009 and 2010 to spread the word to more remote areas of the country. Twelve model companies were selected to undertake the project with the NPCC, most of which were food-processing manufacturers.

To encourage the development of strong SMEs, the General Department of Industry and NPCC, with generous funding from the ADB, started a 5S Award Competition program. The program started on 16 May 2013 and the award ceremony was held on 25 April 2014. Ten compa-

nies were unanimously selected to participate in the 5S Award Competition. Those in the top three places received trophies and certificates: LyLy Food Industry Co., Ltd.; Eurotech Company Co., Ltd., a producer of pure bottled beverages; and ABC Bakery. Those ranked fourth to seventh for their 5S initiatives received certificates of appreciation, and those placing eighth through tenth can proudly display certificates of participation. The award ceremony was presided over by Minister of Industry and Handicraft Dr. Cham Prasidh. Additionally, all seven companies that met the selection criteria during the audition stage will now be permitted to use the 5S logo on their products. 🏆



*Senior Minister Dr. Cham Prasidh poses with General Administrative Manager Sothy Chandravy of Eurotech Company Co., Ltd., one of the top three in the 5S competition, holding the trophy and framed certificate.*