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JUNE 2006 ECCC TOUR SURVEY RESULT

Question 1: Do you think that the trip had importance or meaning or use for you or not? (yes/no)

Results: 406 out of 409 people answered that the trip was very important or useful for them.

The three comments, not stating that the trip was useful or important:

- I think the trial is very beneficial, the trial can relieve people's stress and it gives benefits to those who have died during the regime
- During the visit I saw horrible pictures which made me feel revengeful and angry again
- From the trip I got information about the atrocities of the KR from the tour and information about Pol Pot regime and the crimes they committed from 1975-1979

Comments for Question 1

It is important to disseminate to the people about the regime between 75-79 which was the KR and made people feel angry. Millions of people died.

The trip is important because it provides real information about the tribunal to the survivors.

The trip is important because I saw the things with my own eyes.

It is important for us because the regime was about the violent killing of people and using the dictatorship on their own people.

It is important for us to remember the atrocity of genocide which is not consistent with Cambodian history.

The trip is very important for us to advise the young generation to understand who committed genocide.

I think that this tour could be important for me as a commune chief by thinking about the interests of the nation and justice for the victims.

This tour made me feel pity on the victims of the KR and I will remember it forever.

It is very important for me because it is clearer for me that genocide really happened in Cambodia. Before, I had never known much about this.

This trip stirred up my bitter memories because I could see the real sites where genocide occurred.

I hope I can give testimony to the court

I think the KRT will play an important role in finding justice for the victims.

I am glad that DC-Cam supports this trip.

The trip is very important. If there was no such trip, I could not have seen such real examples of the crimes committed by the KR.

I think that this tour is very important in order to find justice for all Cambodian people.

Question 2: What do you think that you now understand after you participated in the trip, what are some of these things? Please list in detail.

Results: 404 responses

Answers mentioned:

Understanding the KRT Law = 65

Listing of physical evidence and sites seen on tour = 220

Better understanding of genocide = 177

Meet with other victims = 1

Comments from question 2

After joining the trip to ECCC, I understand the KRT law for prosecuting KR leaders.

There is too much suffering to forget.

During the tour I saw the places where the KR tortured people and I was so shocked when I read the 10 points of Santebal in Tuol Sleng.

During this tour, I learned more about the killing activity of the KR, along with the treacherous methods of killing their own people.

I saw the physical evidence from the crimes committed by the KR.

I was shocked to see the physical evidence and the torture equipment.

I could make sure that a real genocide happened, that it is not just fiction.

I learned about the process of establishing the court and I visited the real sites of the genocide.

I gained a better understanding about the brutality of the KR and how they killed people of their own race.

I feel very shocked and much pity for the dead victims.

I think that we cannot give an amnesty to the crimes of Democratic Kampuchea and we must bring the KR leaders to justice.

Question 3: Can you share what you learned with other community members and by what means?

Results: 406 responses

Every single response indicated that the person would disseminate the information learned they learned on the tour.

Whom the respondents stated they would tell about the tour:

- Villagers/community members = 306
- Neighbors = 63
- Family/Friends = 102
- Younger generation = 23

Where they would disseminate this information:

- Pagoda/ceremonies
- Village meetings
- Schools

Comments from Question 3

I will teach the younger generation to remember the law in order so that they do not violate human rights in the future. We, in the city and countryside, want to live in peace.

I will give my knowledge from the tour, such as Tuol Sleng prison, Cheung Ek Killing Fields, to the villagers in my village through civil meetings and educate the young boys and girls in my village.

As I am one of the other victims, I will pass on my experience to the people in my village.

I will share what I have heard and seen with the people in my village and it is better if I have copies of documents to share.

I will describe the miserable conditions and the physical evidence to the people in my village.

I will share my understanding with the people in my village in order to preserve my history.

I will tell everybody about this project.

When I return to my village, I will tell the villagers about the details of my trip and the upcoming trials.

When I come back to my village I will explain to my relatives and friends so that they can understand better about the process of the KRT and the laws.

It is true that the trip brought me a lot of new ideas and information and I will pass it on to my villagers and community.

What I saw in Tuol Sleng and Cheung Ek killing fields made me very distressed, so I will share my suffering with my villagers.

I can share my understanding about the KR and the ECCC with my village by directly disseminating information to them when we have any programmes or ceremonies in the village.

I can share what I learned from the tour with my villagers by holding a small talk and by using information from DC-Cam.

Question 4: Is there anything or any problem that you still do not understand and need further clarification on?

Results: 310 responses

Responses ranged from:

- Understood everything = 73
- Need more explanation of law = 59
- Want more materials to help them understand issues = 18
- Want more understanding of genocide/broader issues = 16
- What are the exact dates of the trial = 10
- What was the role of UN = 11
- Complicity of International community/Role of I.C. = 20
- Who will be tried and why? = 46
- Personal statements or misunderstood the question = 22
- Wanted to see more sites/thought trip was too short = 9
- Why has there been such a delay in trying the KR = 20
- What will the punishments be/why no death penalty = 10
- What will reparations for the victims be? = 3

Comments from Question 4

I still do not understand whether the court will try only the top leaders or the perpetrators under their power.

I would suggest disseminating the law more clearly. (more broadly or simply)

The court must have the trial in Cambodia, but we still don't understand clearly about the KRT.

We have a law to put the KR on trial between 75-79 and what about the Lon Nol regime, which killed many people. Will we put these people on trial?

The KRT law is to cover only the persons who committed crimes during the period of 1975-1979. But, I would like the law to apply to the Lon Nol regime, as well, and especially to Americans for their imperialistic acts. Why does the trial cover only the KR?

If there is a list of victims, the list should be published for the victim's relatives.

Who is going to be put on trial? Is there a life sentence? Will the lower level KR who are living with us every day be tried? There is enough budget and laws for the KRT, so why the delay in having the trial?

Some of the KR leaders died and some were given amnesty and I wonder whether this sort of perpetrator will be tried.

I think that it is better if there is a documentary film shown to the people in the remote area.

I don't understand why genocide happened and who was behind the scenes.

I wonder which countries were involved in the crimes of genocide in Cambodia.

I wonder why there is such a long delay, letting the senior leaders die one after another.

I wonder if there will be financial compensation for the victims of the KR.

I still have doubts about the involvement from the international community in the trials.

I think there was not enough time for this tour in order to fully understand the genocide.

I want DC-Cam to have educational programs so the younger generation can know about what happened, as I am not sure exactly about what happened.

I still wonder why the court does not give the KR leaders the death sentence because they killed many people.

Question 5: Is there anything more/different that you would like to see in a trip of this type?

Responses: 326 responses

- Want to see the trial itself or listen to it on the radio = 56
- Request for movies, documents, copies of the law = 32
- Urging that the trials happen ASAP = 96
- Wondering about the legacy of the trials = 3
- Request for DC-Cam provide more information/more services = 3
- Want to see a permanent memorial constructed = 4
- Group discussion = 1
- Misunderstood the question = 37
- Urging a fair and just trial = 13
- Wants to see more evidence/additional sites/more trips = 43
- Fully satisfied with tour = 14
- Wants to see killers face to face = 8
- Longer tour = 7 (**more time at Tuol Sleng requested specifically)
- More explanation of politics/history/details = 3
- Want more people invited/involved in these tours = 15
- More money for rural people to travel to and from Phnom Penh = 2

Comments from Question 5

I want to see the KR sentenced and I want to see the pictures of the same sort of genocide in other countries.

I think the trip should have a group discussion.

I want to see other killing fields and I want to watch the documentary films, I think this is a good way to disseminate news.

Before the trial I want the ECCC to broadcast the law relating to the KRT more broadly to the people throughout Cambodia.

I want to know about the crimes of the KR that occurred throughout Cambodia and I also want all of the KR trial to be recorded for the younger generation.

I want all the KR criminal acts to be recorded for the younger generation so that they can remember the past.

I want to see a fair and just trial.

I suggest a free videocassette to take home with the participants.

The tour must show about the politics in Cambodia.

I do not want to see such a tour happen in Cambodia. But, I want to see only the development of the country.

I want to see the KRT and a trial for the powerful countries that supported the KR, as well as the UN officials who provided a UN seat for the KR.

I want to visit the place where Pol Pot died and make sure that he really died.

I want to see the KR leaders face to face.

I would like to thank DC-Cam for giving me a chance to join this trip.

I would like some copies of the law for the KRT.

I want to visit the other mass grave sites.

I would like to watch documentary films and see more photos.

The trip is short and I want it to be longer because I want to see more places.

Thank you.