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**Cambodian Center for Human Rights**

**MEDIA ALERT – Phnom Penh, 09 February 2016**

**CCHR to launch research report entitled “Access to Collective Land Titles for Indigenous Communities in Cambodia”**

[The Cambodian Center for Human Rights](#) (“CCHR”) is delighted to announce that it will hold a press conference at **8:30am on Thursday 11 February 2016 at its office in Phnom Penh**, to mark the launch of its report entitled, “Access to Collective Land Titles for Indigenous Communities in Cambodia” (the “Report”). This launch will feature an introduction to this new Report, as well as insights from indigenous community members on their experiences fighting to protect their land.

The Report is a result of research conducted by CCHR’s Land Reform Project on the experiences of indigenous communities and their engagement with the process to obtain collective land titles (“CLTs”) in an attempt to formally protect their traditional lands. The Report reveals the astounding complexity of the CLT process that makes it near impossible for communities to complete without sustained external assistance. The Report also provides examples of numerous other pressures faced by indigenous communities during the CLT process, such as judicial harassment, intimidation and pressure to accept private land titles instead of CLTs.

This launch will be an opportunity to hear first-hand the experiences of indigenous community members, gain an insight into the land rights situation for indigenous people in Cambodia, and learn of practical recommendations for key stakeholders regarding the CLT process.

**What:** Launch of CCHR’s Report “Access to Collective Land Titles for Indigenous Communities in Cambodia”

**When:** 11 February 2016 @ 8:30am – 11:30am

**Where:** Cambodian Center for Human Rights, #798, St.99, Boeng Trabek, Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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Notes to the Editor:

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