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Tiger Foundation Raises Money for School Library

Epic journey to support the children of Aknuwat Primary School

Singapore (June 10, 2009) – Charitable organisation, The Tiger Foundation, raised more than US\$30,000 on its fundraising motorcycle ride from Singapore to Cambodia. The money will be used to build and stock a library at the Aknuwat Primary School in the Kampong Thom province of Cambodia.

Founder and President of The Tiger Foundation Mark Philpott and two friends, Paul Mullins and Trevor Thorley, rode their motorcycles across five countries traveling around 5,500km to raise the profile of the Foundation and its projects, and specifically to raise money for the on-going redevelopment of the Aknuwat Primary School which the Foundation has been supporting since 2008.

“The students, teachers and people of Archaleak Village are extremely grateful to The Tiger Foundation for the support the charity has shown our school,” said Moly Hay, Principal of Aknuwat Primary School. “The new library will be very good for our school and will help the students get a good education.”

The fundraising trip was not without drama – the riders were initially refused entry to Cambodia and had to leave their bikes in Thailand, renting replacement bikes in Cambodia to continue the trip. Also, trip leader Philpott was briefly admitted to hospital to have a cyst removed that had developed during the journey.

“The ride was an experience of a lifetime,” Philpott said. “The other riders and our support team were just tremendous, so determined to help us achieve our goal and also making the trip such an enjoyable event.”

“Yes it was hard, and the hospital stay was unexpected to say the least, but the sheer joy we experienced when we arrived at the school, to be welcomed by the children and teachers, made it all worth it,” Philpott said.

The riders were met by hundreds of children waving flags and holding welcome banners.

“The children were holding a black and white checkered finish line banner across the school gates and as we rode through the banner the children just went wild,” said Philpott. “It was amazing.”

The riders presented the school with a cheque to help build the new library, and a van load of books to fill the shelves. The books had been donated by "Room to Read" and the Evergreen Primary School in Singapore, and were delivered to Kampong Thom by sponsor DHL.



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“We have had so much support – from my co-riders, to the volunteers on the support team from across Asia and organisations like DHL, Room to Read, the Evergreen Primary School and Tara Angkor Hotel in Siem Reap,” said Philpott. “The success of the event is due to this fabulous group effort and I thank everyone involved.”

To read Mark Philpott’s full account of the journey and learn more about The Tiger Foundation please visit www.thetigerfoundation.com.

About the Tiger Foundation

The Tiger Foundation is an international charitable organisation that aims to improve the lives of the communities it supports. The foundation is structured around four key pillars of activity – Education, Exercise, Environment and Engagement. Registered in Singapore, the Foundation was formed by philanthropist Mark Philpott in 2008.

The Foundation’s projects include the redevelopment of the Aknuwat Primary School in Kampong Thom, as well as the building of a new school and health clinic at the Crocodile Village also in Kampong Thom.

The Foundation is supported by volunteers across Asia, Europe, USA and the UK and its programs are endorsed by the Provincial Office of Education for the Kampong Thom province in Cambodia. For more information please visit www.thetigerfoundation.com.

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