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Participation in the World Cup



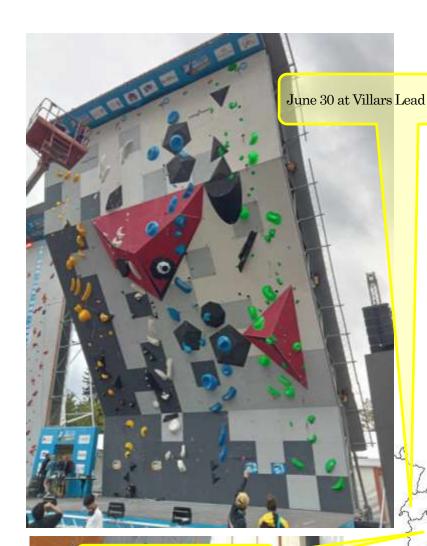
June 30thWorld Cup Lead Qualifying in Villars, Switzerland

Left:Pheaktra

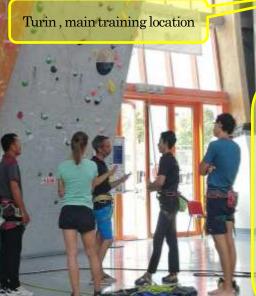
Right: Vinnit

Three Tournaments in Italy, Austria and Switzerland

Unfortunately, our entrants failed to qualify in all three tournaments, but we want to showcase their efforts. This story is like a dream but it's true. ACN alumni and a current high school student competed in the World Cup. As part of the Olympic Solidarity program, young climbers are given the opportunity to participate. A coach and two athletes from Cambodia were invited by IFSC to join in a Youth Athlete Development Program held from June 1 to July 3, mainly in Italy. Although they were unable to participate from the first day due to the difficulty of obtaining EU visas, they were still able to participate in all three World Cup scheduled events during the period.







June 9 at Brixen

Pheaktra won one zone at the Boulder preliminary. https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-

competition/calendar/?task=resultathletes&event=1296&result=3

On this site, they are listed on the same report card as the top winners. The above two tournaments can also be viewed on the IFSC tournament calendar page. The women's boulder qualifying round was held in the

morning, and Vinnit competed immediately after arriving at Milan's airport.

https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-

competition/calendar/?task=resultathletes&event=1296&result=7





Relocation progress of Angkor Wall

Lead, Speed, Boulder walls

The picture on the left is looking from the entrance towards the

back. The picture on the right is looking towards the entrance from the back, taken in early August, and construction is now almost finished.

This structure no longer requires much of the materials taken from the original artificial wall. The white-walled toilet on the left and part of the concrete substructure were built with ACN's relocation costs. That covered less than 10% of the total construction cost for this gym.



Kingdom Climbing Gym, owned by Canadian climber James, is located on the property of the wife of Semrom, the secretary general of the Cambodian Climbing Federation. The CCF office and the Siem Reap Climbing School will be located here. The Siem Reap Climbing School was originally called an educational wall, but the school is now more like a "frreeloader."



Boulder wall "Chiko Family Boulder"





The other climbing wall had a soft opening in May 2022 as a commercial boulder wall, but it did not go as planned due to the coronavirus pandemic and the relocation issue of the ruins area. It was then purchased by the Anacott Cambodia, and renamed and opened in April 2023. For now, the children living in the landlord's house are taking turns cleaning and guarding the site. Barang, an ACN staff member, set the routes on the wall using the holds made by Camborock in the same site.



With shoe boxes organized by size, rules and price list written in English and Khmer, and fees set for Cambodians, this climbing gym is on its way to independence

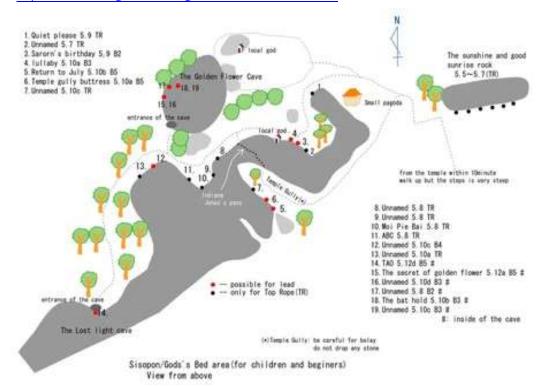


Climbing natural rocks

In 2011, ACN published a guide book on the natural rock routes in Cambodia. Some of the routes have been destroyed by road construction but many of them remain. We receive several inquiries a year asking if there are any remaining copies of this guidebook, but there are no more. Since one author,

Tadao Ito, is deceased, I requested permission from co-author Semrorn to have the English translator, Naoko Tsukauchi, make some revisions, and then send the original file to James at Kingdom Gym to have it posted on the Crag website.

https://www.thecrag.com/climbing/cambodia/area/6613916283



For example, if you look the Crag → Asia → Cambodia → Banteay Meanchey in order, you will see an area like the one shown on the left, which is called the "Bedding Area of the Gods." Pictures of familiar faces appear here and there. You can also add your own information.

This allows everyone to exchange climbing information with people all over the world for free. Although it is impossible to translate the words in the diagram, we can immediately provide a Japanese translation of the explanatory text, so please take a look.

SVA PREY (Forest Monkey) Competition

A bouldering competition sponsored by Phnom Climb in Phnom Penh was revived last year. As we did last year, ACN supported the costs of sending

athletes from Siem Reap. The competition was held on 28 29 October. The result will be published in the next newsletter no.34.

Holds Production

Since ACN's Barang has only made prototypes, we cannot say he has

started a company, and it may not even be at the level of an individual shop. But Barang is making holds in addition to his main job at a hotel. The factory is called Camborock. He first thought about how to make a hold from a high school textbook.

The following is a message from Mr. Asai, ACN representative:

"Barang and his friends came up with the idea of making their own holds by themselves, researched and tested them, and have come this far. I want to pass on their motivation to the next generation, which is why I started the Cambo rock Project. A portion of the sales from these holds will be returned to Anacott Cambodia, an organization that supports orphans in Cambodia.

One hold will provide approximately 19 meals for children. Being able to go to school, to eat, to have a place to sleep, and to have an

ambulance immediately if needed are not fully achieved for everyone in Cambodia. People need money to survive. When these products are recognized in the international community and influence the next generation, this will give them hope that they can create their own lives with their hands. I want to see where that hope spreads."



ACN activities in Japan- The General Meeting





We held the General Meeting at Sakudai ra Rock Climbing Center on August 19 and approved the up date on activities and closed accounts and budgets. Then the reports were submitted to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Chofu City.

Global Festa

Although the venue was not in Odaiba this year, there was also an online venue, which means you could participate from afar. Thank you for coming.





Visitors could pick up and take a look at Camborock's holds. We also sold the familiar "Ganbaru zo san", Krama scarves, and T shirts. We showed videos of the World Cup and the Cambodian Championships, and also provided information on rocky areas and hiking trails in Cambodia.

From ACN's Desk

There are 52 members of our NPO right now.

We would like to ask you to continuously support us by becoming a member.

■If you want to join ACN, please contact us. We will send you an application form, guidelines and some other documents in accordance with the type of request. Our annual membership fee is 5,000 yen (general member). Please make payment according to our business year that begins on July 1. We ask for your support through being a member so that we are able to maintain a safe climbing place and hold training classes and competitions. It will help promote the healthy growth of Cambodian youth. It would have been good to say that they have moved and became independent, but they are still doing construction are struggling with rising material prices. Thank you for your continued support until they are on track.

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The goal might be in sight

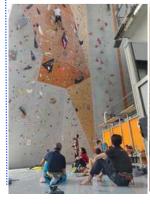
Editor's note

The ACN has been working in Siem Reap since 2008 with the following objectives 1) To foster the healthy development of Cambodian youth through climbing; and 2) To enable Cambodians to safely and contenuously develop Cambodian climbers. This season, there have been many instances where it seemed like the goal might be in sight. One of them is participation in the Olympic Solidarity Program described on pages 1, 2. So far, we have started by creating the Cambodian Climbing Federation with step by step guidance from the late Mr. Hemtong, a Cambodian Olympic Committee member and swimming coach. We have received support from our sponsor Taica for the international federation membership fee and athlete registration fees, and we have received support from Japan Mountain Climbing Association to help with the formalities. After being taught the method, Cambodia was finally able to join the IFSC. In other words, Cambodian climbers did not become members on their own. Their participation in the program was made possible by Secretary General Semrorn, who attended an IFSC meeting in Singapore and spoke out about the plight of the Cambodian Climbing Federation and negotiated on his own to send athletes. Other highlights are the activities introduced on pages 3-5, the Chiko Family Boulder and Cambo rock. The boulder wall and hold production on the same site are planned and

operated by Cambodian climbers. Sometimes alumni post on Facebook saying they miss the ACN wall, so it's reassuring to see the climbers including those who went to work at the gym in Phnom Penh, who grew up with at Angkor wall doing well in their respective places. (Chimi)









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