

Training Course on Environmental Reporting

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Mr. Him Khortieth, CEDAC Staff member, attended a training course on Environmental Reporting in Jakarta, Indonesia. This training was organized by the Indonesian Association for Media Development (PPMN) in collaboration with Radio News Agency KBR68H, the Green Radio Station, and the Asia Calling current affairs radio program. Twelve journalists and media persons from radio and TV across seven Asian countries including Cambodia, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines and Burma attended this training.

The objective of the training was to increase the understanding of media persons from radio and TV within the region on environmental issues and to promote more reporting on environmental issues. Many interesting topics regarding environmental issues were discussed and shared among the participants including issues of forestry, climate change, palm oil and water cycles. As a result, participants gained a greater understanding on the importance of environmental issues that have now become regional and global issues and concerns. They all committed to file more stories reporting about environmental issues so that the issues will have great coverage and updated information will be shared for timely solutions on. It is becoming increasingly clear that some resources will be scarce and become a source of major conflicts. For example, the CIA in America predicts that water will be the major source of conflict and war in the next twenty years.