

## CEDAC Radio Program on Stopping the Use of Highly Hazardous Pesticides

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This week on CEDAC's Weekly Radio Program, GREEN LIFE (broadcasting every Thursday from 4-5 pm on SARIK Radio Station FM 106.5 MHz), the **No Pesticide Use Day 2009** that recently took place in Pailin, Cambodia was discussed. The guest speaker for the program was Mr. Keam Makarady, CEDAC Environment and Health Program Director. During the show, Mr. Makady presented the history of No Pesticide Use Day, the situation of pesticide use and its impacts in Cambodia, and the topic of this year's event - Stopping the Use of Highly Hazardous Pesticides. Mr. Makarady said there are now 66 types of highly hazardous pesticides being used by Cambodian farmers.

There were listeners from Kampong Speu and Kandal Province who called in and asked questions during show, which strongly emphasized the concerns of pesticide impacts to Cambodian farmers and consumers. In response, Mr. Makary called for farmers for stop using the highly hazardous pesticides (which are traditionally used for rice, corn and vegetables) or to carefully use these products by consulting with the experts before applying. Finally, he made recommendations to all stakeholders including pesticide sellers, the government body, researchers and consumers to take action and to carefully select what foods they eat.

CEDAC began broadcasting a weekly Radio Program in February 2008 that allows farmers and CEDAC staff members to share actual experiences and knowledge, including ecological agricultural and household techniques, that are responsible for improving the environment and health of both producers and consumers.

