

CEDAC Organizes a Training Workshop on Samachal Theory in Pailin Province

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On February 8-9, 2010, CEDAC organized a training workshop on the Samachal Theory at Pailin Bomboo Hotel for school principals, farmer leaders of self help and saving groups, village chiefs, and commune council members on how to improve their quality of life using the Samachal Theory. The theory of Samachal focuses on increasing Health, Knowledge, Friendship, and Money. At the workshop, CEDAC also discussed the progress of its project implementation to the participants. There were 30 participants, including 6 women, who come from Pailin and Sala Krao districts in Pailin Province.

According to participant evaluations of the training, the participants were able to learn and understand about the Samachal Theory. The workshop also helped to increase the relationships and solidarity among the participants. The training was very helpful for the participants because it is necessary to improve their quality of life. Furthermore, they suggested having more training sessions for their communities. The participants promised to disseminate what they learned to their colleagues and other people in their workplaces. The participants also gained comprehension on the advantages of community-led saving groups and they committed to strongly participate in and set up saving groups in their respective villages.

With the funding support from CARE International in Cambodia, CEDAC is implementing the project titled "Community-led Saving Development for Poverty Reduction and Self-Reliance in Pailin Province" in 23 villages across 5 communes, 2 districts in Pailin Province. To date, 36 community-led saving groups with 876 members have been established with a total saving capital of 95 million Riel (approximately 23,200 USD).

