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INVITATION

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Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO) kindly invites you to attend the next

TESTIMONIAL THERAPY CEREMONY

Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 7 am to 11 am

Seremongkol Lea Ream (Boeung Khang Choeung) Pagoda
Boeung Khang Choeung Village, Boeung Commune
Baray District, Kampong Thom Province

Background & Program

During this ceremony, survivors of torture from the Khmer Rouge era will present their stories and be documented as written testimony with the help of TPO counselors. Their stories will be read aloud during a Buddhist ceremony, which supports the significance of traditional coping mechanisms in Cambodia's spirit-based culture. An audience comprised of other survivors, relatives, community members, local authorities, government officials, NGO members, and youth will be present and serve to aid the public in acknowledging the survivors' suffering, as well as destigmatize and restore the dignity of survivors. The ceremony will also allow the survivors to ease the suffering of their ancestors' spirits and pay respect to their deceased relatives. Your presence would be greatly appreciated by the participants as a sign of support and recognition of their suffering, their healing, and their efforts to participate in the process of transitional justice. We hope to see you there and thank you for your support.

7:00 – 7:30 am	Arrival at the Seremongkol Lea Ream (Boeung Khang Choeung) Pagoda
7:30 – 8:00 am	Opening of the Ceremony
8:00 – 8:20 am	Remarks by Mr. So Rein, Commune Chief
8:20 – 9:00 am	Tour of Former Khmer Rouge Makeshift Hospital by Mr. Ae Thann
9:00 – 9:15 am	Bang Skol Ceremony: Prayers for the Deceased
9:15 – 10:15 am	Reading and Presentation of the Testimonies
10:15 – 11:00 am	Dat Bat Ceremony: Food Offerings to the Monks

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