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Cambodian Diaspora Victims' Participation Project in the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

presented by:

*ASRIC and The APA Institute at New York University,
in cooperation with our local hosts the Cambodian Buddhist Society and Cambodian
Americans for Human Rights and Democracy (CAHRAD)*

Background

In 1975-79, the Khmer Rouge systematically killed an estimated 2 million Cambodians through torture, starvation, or execution. More than 3 decades later, the suffering continues as Cambodians in the diaspora struggle to overcome a horrific past and reclaim their personal, national, and spiritual identity as an empowered and resilient people.

ASRIC has organized this event to allow survivors of these crimes to share personal stories of survival in a vital step towards the catharsis, healing, and strengthening of the entire Cambodian community. As part of this healing, ASRIC also provides survivors with the opportunity to participate in the trials taking place in the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC).

Program:

Sunday, August 30, 2009, Noon – 5 p.m.

Presentations about ASRIC's work around the country and
discussions about the history and on-going trials at the ECCC

Survivors who wish to submit testimony to the ECCC will have private discussions
with ASRIC staff to complete the requisite court documents.

Complimentary lunch and beverages will be provided to all participants

Location: Vatt Buddhikarama, 13800 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20904

RSVP by August 28 by sending an e-mail message to: apa.asric-khmer.justice@nyu.edu

For more information:

ASRIC - www.apa.nyu.edu/ click on "Research" and select "Special Projects."

Also, please visit the CAHRAD tent at the Cambodian Community Day celebration in Alexandria on August 23.