

At about 6 am, people were arriving and gathering in front of the Royal University of Phnom Penh. The gathering was getting bigger and bigger as the time was passing by. The schedule for departure was supposed to be at 6.30 am; however, due to traffic and some late arrivals of some participants, we departed a bit later than the schedule. We departed at about 6.50 am. There were two buses, one of which accommodated more than 50 participants. Although it was a bit overcrowded, with some people squeezing in with other two persons, it was comfortable after all. On each bus there was a team of organizing committee including facilitation, food and drinks, report, accommodation, and two of the executive committees. Breakfast was distributed at 7.05 am (a bottle of drinking water and two donuts). One of the Executive Committee, urged the participants to be punctual, open-minded, listen to the committees, chuck the rubbish in the bin and more importantly, to be active throughout the camp, which everyone wholeheartedly did. Not long after we went past Tnol Totoeng, the self introduction began. It was so amazing listening to a wide variety of youth who come from various backgrounds of education and experience talk about their career aspects and goal(s) in life. It was clear and loud that each and every one of the participants has the potential to be tomorrow's leaders and is more than willing to better their society. A lot of them told of their many telling stories and social activities they have been involved in. The self-introduction was followed by endless entertainment which included chain-singing contest and jokes telling. The effect of the very amusing jokes kept the atmosphere very fun throughout the trip. And the excitement and fun also took over the sleepiness of some people who had not had enough sleep before the departure. Not long before we reached our destination, the agenda and information about which participants to stay in which designated rooms were disseminated. We first checked in the arranged guest house and got ready for lunch before the main events commenced.