

## Svay Rieng Ahnuwat Primary School, Grades 5 & 6 (Cambodia)

### School Police – A 28-Year Tradition of Protecting Our Community

Fifth- and sixth-grade students at Svay Rieng Ahnuwat Primary School in Cambodia introduced their school's long-standing School Police program – a student-led traffic safety initiative that has been running for 28 years.

#### Students Safeguarding Their Streets

Each school day, students from grades 4 to 6 take turns managing traffic at the school gate to ensure everyone gets home safely. About ten students are selected from each class and assigned to different days of the week: sixth graders are on duty on Mondays and Tuesdays, fifth graders on Wednesdays and Fridays, and fourth graders on Thursdays and Saturdays. Teachers supervise, and sometimes local police join as well. In a community where many students ride bicycles or motorcycles to school, they participate with a strong sense of responsibility, guided by the belief that “We protect our own safety.”

#### Passing Down a Local Tradition

Started 28 years ago, the School Police program is a source of pride. Students are determined to pass it on to younger generations. Their message to the audience: “We hope everyone here stays safe.” This spirit of responsibility and compassion connects their community – and now, through this presentation, the world.