

Youth Essay Competition for Open Data Day 2020

Topic

“The role of open data and information in promoting transparency and accountability in public service delivery in Cambodia”

The **Open Data Day 2020** is an engaging opportunity for open data enthusiasts to write applications, liberate data, create visualizations and publish analyses using open public data. Such activities are designed to show the benefits of open data and encourage the adoption of open data policies in government, business and civil society spheres. As part of this event, ODC will conduct an essay competition under the theme **“Open Data for Equal Development”**.

I. Objective

With the theme Open Data for Equal Development, ODC opens an essay competition on the topic **“The role of open data and information in promoting transparency and accountability in public service delivery in Cambodia”**, to promote the importance of disclosing and disseminating data and information together with the need to enhance public participation in monitoring public service delivery in order to advance transparency and accountability.

Prior to the Open Data Day 2020 event, this competition is publicly open to Cambodian youths, in whom we strongly believe that they play a very important role in social change, economic growth and technological innovation in our current digital era. By engaging them in this opportunity, we hope to expand their insights while getting their ideas and recommendations on how open data contributes to improving transparency levels of public service delivery in Cambodia. More importantly, we hope to empower youths to be actively participate in our nation’s development.

II. Awards

❖ The 1st Place

- Receive USD 300 in cash
- Certificate of appreciation
- A travel scholarship to attend the international open data conference 2020 in Kenya in November 2020.
- Essay will be published on Open Development Cambodia website and our media partners, under the license of Creative Common.

❖ The 2nd Place

- Receive USD 200
- Certificate of appreciation
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❖ The 3rd place

- Receive USD 100
- Certificate of appreciation
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III. Eligibility and Submission Criteria

Be a Cambodian citizen under 35 years old, women are particularly encouraged to apply.

- The submitted essay must be original and serve only for the purpose of this competition.
- The submitted essay must be in both Microsoft Word and PDF files.
- A copy of Cambodia National Identification Card needs to be submitted.
- Send the essay to email: events@opendevcam.net
- If you have questions, please email: contact@opendevcam.net

IV. Essay Format

- Contact information : author name, institution, position (option), phone number, email address
- Language : Khmer
- Paper size : A4
- Margin : 1 inch (top, bottom, right and left)
- Character count : 6000 to 7500 characters
- Spacing : Double space
- Font : Khmer OS Siem Reap
- Font Size : 11 (9 for footnote)
- Referencing format : References needs to include the author's name, title, place of publication, year of publication, link to the document

V. Judging Criteria

Essays will be evaluated by a panel of experts from civil society organization who actively involved in promoting social accountability, transparency and open data in Cambodia.

Essays will be scored according to the criteria and point system outlined below:

- **(20 points) Comprehension** : How well does the essay reflect a thorough understanding of the topic?
- **(10 points) Organization** : Does the essay follow a logical and easily understood progression?
- **(20 points) Creativity** : Are diverse resources and ideas used to develop the topic?
- **(20 points) Applicability** : Are the proposed solution(s) feasible?
- **(10 points) Conclusions** : Do the conclusions follow logically from the argument? Are the conclusions compelling?
- **(20 points) Presentation** on the Open Data Day 2020

VI. Timeframe

- Open for application : 17 January 2020
- Date of submission : 16 February 2020
- Shortlisted candidate announcement : 02 March 2020
- Open Data Day 2020 : 7 March 2020