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With the 11MSP, the Convention is returning to a place where the mine ban movement started two decades ago. It is an opportunity for the international community to recall how far this movement has come and how much work still remains to be done. It is also an opportunity to remember that there are many faces of the landmine movement in Cambodia. H.E. HENG Ratana is one of these.



His Excellency Heng Ratana is the Director of the Cambodian Mine Action Centre or CMAC. Born in the Kampong Speu Province, Ratana has seen many civilians killed and injured through UXO and landmine accidents. “The legacy of war and conflict in Cambodia continues to affect poor Cambodians and obstructs development,” says Ratana who has been working since 1998 to return land to safe use in his homeland.

CMAC works in the areas of survey and land release, mine and UXO clearance, mine risk education and training, and research and development. Established in 1992, CMAC has 1,715 staff across Cambodia, including in a national office in Phnom Penh, six provincial demining units, and a training centre in Kampong Chhnang. Prior to being appointed CMAC Director in 2008, Ratana had served as CMAC’s Quality Assurance Manager, Chief of Secretariat and Deputy Director General.

Since 2006, Ratana has been a Member of the Review Board of the United Nations’ International Mine Action Standard (IMAS), and, since 2008, an Advisor to the Prime Minister of Cambodia.

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