

# “Tondeke” wheelchair maintenance workshop starts from 31st Jan in Phnom Penh empowering people with disabilities

A Japanese NGO, Go!Fly!Wheelchairs holds a unique workshop named “Tondeke” wheelchair maintenance workshop at White Bird Recycling Japan in Phnom Penh from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February under JICA’s (Japan International Cooperation Agency) Grassroots project following the same workshops successfully took place in Indonesia.

This workshop contributes movement of women into society and diversity in Cambodian society by technical support from Japanese experienced mechanics.

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*Workshop in Indonesia*

## For Development of Wheelchair Users’ Life

Go!Fly!Wheelchairs has delivered more than 200 wheelchairs to Cambodia so far, but maintenance technique is also needed to use them as long as possible.

We deliver maintenance technique to wheelchair users and people related to wheelchairs, and we train mechanics through this workshop.

This workshop supports development of wheelchair user’s life and movement into society by increasing the number of people who can use wheelchair safe as long as possible.

### 【Details of Event】

Name of event : “Tondeke” Wheelchair Maintenance Workshop

Date & Time : 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 9:30AM to 3:30PM

Venue : White Bird Recycle Japan

(KH Phnom Penh No.812, National Street No.2 Phum Prek Talong, Sangkat Chak Angre Krom)

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## Support Movement of Women with Disabilities into Society

Four local NGOs are going to participate in this workshop. One of them is Cambodian Handicraft Association (CHA), which supports women with disabilities from rural area by offering vocational training and other social training. Members from CHA are also going to participate in the workshop.

Through this workshop, it is expected that they become to maintain their wheelchairs by themselves and improve their lives, which helps their movement into society.



*Women trained in CHA*

## Training for Mechanics



*Workshop in Indonesia*

The workshop also aims to train mechanics in Cambodia by experienced Japanese mechanics to let them have decent technique.

Go!Fly!Wheelchairs delivers a lot of wheelchairs to the country, but the delivered wheelchairs are often abandoned after broken or they are often used while being broken.

Training mechanics is necessary to make sustainable wheelchair use happen, and we aim that the trained mechanics deliver their technique to other people in the country.

## In Future

This workshop takes place in Phnom Penh over 2 years under JICA Grassroots Project.

The 1<sup>st</sup> workshop takes place from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023, the 2<sup>nd</sup> one is going to take place from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> are going to take place in/after November 2023.

## Go!Fly!Wheelchairs

### **【Organisation Details】**

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What we do :

Go! Fly! Wheelchairs is an NPO based in Sapporo, Japan, which collects used wheelchairs, maintains and delivers them directly to persons with disabilities in developing countries as hand-in-luggage of travelers.

Established : 1998

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