



2013 BHEARD Scholar
Kim Eang Tho

Profile

Position:	Lecturer and Researcher
Institution:	Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia
Country:	Cambodia
MSc:	Plant Pathology, University of the Philippines
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Research Area: Plant Pathology

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: August 2013

HOMETOWN: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Agronomy, Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia

GRADUATE EDUCATION: Plant Pathology, University of the Philippines

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Crop production is one of the most important sectors for Cambodian economy. One of the limiting factors for crop production and food security is plant diseases. However, there is still limited human resources and expertise in this field. In pursuing his PhD. in Plant Pathology at MSU, Kim Eang's proposed research topic is bacterial disease management in onion. After graduation he plans on going back to work at the Royal University of Agriculture. He is interested in sustainable development by integrating plant disease and pest management into household crop production in Cambodia for food security and poverty alleviation.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Hailing from a rural farm Kim Eang's long term goal is to become a competent researcher and lecturer, ultimately serving to help improve the productive capacity of the Cambodian agricultural sector. His research interests lie in sustainable agricultural development, chiefly in the application of integrated pest and disease management for small household crop production in Cambodia. He also aspires to be one of the resource persons in Cambodia in crop protection and agricultural based development program. In his spare time Kim Eang enjoys listening to music or playing soccer.