Maria Ng conferred Medal by Cambodian Government

PAN Senior Program Specialist in ASRO, Maria Ng, was conferred the "Medal of Monisaraphon" for "distinguished services rendered to culture, education and religion", by the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in Singapore on January 25th. The ceremony took place at the residence of the Cambodian Ambassador to Singapore, Her Excellency, Mrs Sin Serey, and was witnessed by Rich Fuchs and Vivien Chiam from ASRO, together with invited guests from the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ambassadors of several ASEAN countries.

Maria was recognized for her efforts to develop the Khmer script for computers through the PAN Localization project, which focused on developing local language standards and technology across seven Asian countries (and languages) - Afghanistan (Pashto), Bangladesh (Bangla), Bhutan (Dzongkha), Cambodia (Khmer), Laos (Lao), Nepal (Nepali) and Sri Lanka (Sinhala, Tamil).

The ceremony was featured in the Singapore "Today" newspaper, and was also aired on Channel News Asia.

The year 2008 has been proclaimed International Year of Languages by the United Nations General Assembly.

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See attached to read Maria's acceptance speech.

Vivien Chiam

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