# VISUAL DOCUMEN PROJECT Screening Date

**Discussants** 

Aung Min (Myanmar)
Director and Scriptwriter

## Amporn Jirattikorn (Thailand)

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### 6 March, 2018 (Thu) 2pm~ Venue: Bophana Audiovisual Resource Center

Organized in partnership with the Cambodian International Film Festival and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University

The Visual Documentary (VDP) was started in 2011 by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) Kyoto University to offer a platform to young Southeast Asian filmmakers in the region to share their realities through documentaries. The project aims to build bridges between the filmmaking communities in Southeast Asia and academia in the region.

Visual Documentary Project (VDP) https://vdp.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp



#### Mr. Zero Thailand, 2016. 30 min. Director Nutcha Tantivitayapitak

A documentary that deals with the story of *Bundit Aneeya*, a senior translator and writer whose provocative writings led him to be accused of mental instability. Having been charged 4 times under article 112 (Lese-Majeste), the documentary offers a sensitive portrayal of his works and personal history.



#### Lives Under the Red Light Cambodia, 2013. 13 min. Hem Vanna

Lives Under the Red Light focuses on the lives of four persons who work as sex workers in Phnom Penh. Most of them were kicked out from their f<mark>amilies and</mark> came to live in Phnom Penh and ended up working in the sex industry. This film sensitively deals with the daily discrimination they face. Sex work places them at risk to gang rape, sex violence, drugs and arrests by police. This documentary offers a window onto the lives of these sex workers in modern day Cambodian society.



#### Don't Know Much about ABC Cambodia, 2016. 22 min. Norm Phanith, Sok Chanrado

This documentary offers an intimate portrayal of a relationship between a father and his son, and the challenges of homeless life on the streets of Phnom Penh. Drawing out the importance of education in opening opportunities to improve one's lot in life, it traces the everyday challenges that Ron Dara faces raising his son.



#### A Political Life Myanmar, 2015. 20 min. Soe Arkar Htun, Arrow Luck (YFS)

U Thein Soe dedicated the best years of his life to working as Aung San Suu Kyi's bodyguard. To please his long-suffering wife and family he has now bowed out of politics – but still can't help giving up his time to provide local people with valuable legal advice.



#### Vein Myanmar, 2016. 30 min. Htet Aung San, Pho Zayar Kyaw, Ko Jet

A relatively unspoken part of life in Myanmar, this documentary sheds light on the mining sites and dangers that surround laborers as they search for jade. This documentary offers an stark portrayal of mining in Myanmar and the everyday risks that miners face trying to make a living.













