

SUCCESS STORY – THIN SOKKEAN



On finishing his schooling in 2015, Sokkean was awarded a scholarship to undertake a five-year Engineering course at a university in Vietnam.

From an early age, Sokkean was an enthusiastic and capable student. He saw that education would provide him with opportunities to succeed and to build for the future.

His mother died when he was just a baby. When his father subsequently remarried, Sokkean's grandmother took him into her care. She raised him on an income earned selling porridge outside the Chumkriel School gates.

Sokkean used to wake at 5am to help his grandmother prepare for the day. Then he would study before school. He seldom got to bed until late because he would be studying again!

Sokkean was awarded a scholarship from CLS which paid for his school supplies and uniforms. This allowed him to attend State School from 2007 to 2015. He also took English lessons at the CLS Evening School.

Originally Sokkean wanted to be a teacher at Chumkriel, but he was so good at Maths that he was encouraged to aim higher. He achieved some of the highest results in the country and secured the scholarship that now sees him studying in Vietnam.

Through hard work and a commitment to his studies, Sokkean has risen above the disadvantages of his childhood and is well on his way to a professional career in the field of Engineering.