

Dear friends and colleagues,

My name is Isabelle LESSER(www.isabellelesser.com) and I am a photographer and the founder of Asia Motion, (www.asiamotion.net) the first photographers and video agency promoting Asian and international photographers and video artists worldwide. As you know, Cambodia will vote on Sunday for National Assembly representatives. This year is historic as Sam Rainsy, the president of the opposition party returned to Cambodia after four years of self-imposed exile.

To cover these elections, Asia Motion asked journalist Clothilde Le Coz (www.coztoujours.com) to be part of our project and follow five characters intimately throughout the electoral campaign. We'd like to introduce you to them and hope you would be interested in publishing one of them to give the opportunity to your reader to grasp a bit of today's Cambodian spirit and activism.

Saumura Tioulong is Rainsy's wife. She opened her door and her mind to us before her husband came back to Phnom Penh. We covered the preparation of his return and uncovered her personal life and expectations. Of course, we were at the airport to cover his arrival in Phnom Penh and the hope of 100 000 people who were there to welcome him, coming from all over the country.

Hope and Change have invaded the streets of the Cambodian capital. A winner of the 2013 Vital Voices Awards, Tep Vanny has never been so busy with phone calls and petitions. She transformed her shop into the offices of the Boeung Kak community supporters. Since 2006, her community in Phnom Penh has been fighting against a Chinese firm asking for their evictions. In a very intimate portrait, she confided us her hopes and what it takes to stand for others in a country like Cambodia; she went to jail, was harassed and threatened and continues their fight simply to get justice in a country where one needs to pay bribe to get it. We also give you the opportunity to follow another member of the community who is an election observer. Feel free to let us know if you want more information.

But one has been also recorded the events from the start. Under the names of "multimedia monk" and the "007", Loun Sovath is using new technologies to advocate for Cambodians. Hidden in his tuk tuk to follow Rainsy's supporters, he knows he goes too far for a CPP-led Buddhism. But not to Buddha. He goes on denouncing the control of the religious estate and the showing the hope and will of citizens in the country. Our portrait is the illustration of an ongoing hide and seek with authorities that banned him from every Pagoda in Cambodia.

Through this series of portraits, we show Today's Cambodia, far from Angkor Wat and the Khmer Rouge, and describe the hopes and lives of unusual citizens. Should you be interested by one of them or all of them, let us know and we will adapt our project to your needs,

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Take care

Sincerely,

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