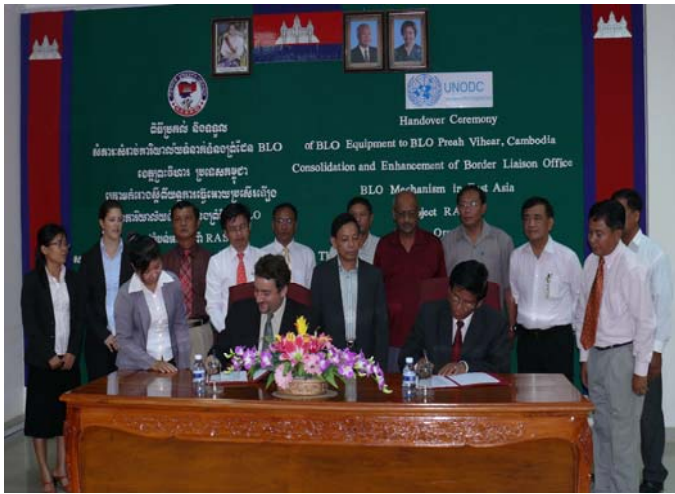


## **Draft Press release meeting 6 July 2010**



On 6 July 2010, the UNODC Country Manager for Cambodia Office, Mr. Olivier Lermet signed an official equipment handover document with H.E Lt-Gen. Moek Dara. Vehicles, communication devices, computers for administrative work and Computer-based Trainings, electronic devices as well as furniture are to be used in Border Liaison Office (BLO) in Preah Vihear through the cooperation of NACD. These

equipment will support cooperation along and across national borders and enable direct communication of real time information sharing leading to drug seizures and the capture of traffickers and to foster cooperation between different national border law enforcement agency units working at the borders for improved multilateral law enforcement.

The National Authority for Combating Drugs (NACD) cooperates with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to fight against transnational organized crimes by using the BLO mechanism and have established BLO in Preah Vihear province to reverse traditional attitudes and encourage cooperation between law enforcement units working at the borders between Cambodia and Lao PDR thereby maximizing the value of jointly held information. BLO Prea Vihear will play an essential and expanded role in the future as part of a sustained regional response to illicit trafficking of any sort.

Prior to the handover ceremony, there was courtesy meeting between Mr. Olivier Lermet, Country Manager, UNODC Cambodia Office and Lt-Gen. Moek Dara. His Excellency welcomed Mr. Olivier to his new assignment and appreciated on UNODC cooperation with NACD and its achievement on enhancing BLOs' capacity as well as its support on drug demand reduction. The Lt-Gen. Moek Dara requested an expansion of the BLO mandate to other transnational crime such as human trafficking, Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) including smuggling of migrants. As Further, he insisted there were still a need for capacity enhancement related drug demand reduction, supply reduction and harm reduction as well as other crime related needs such as forensic competence. Mr. Olivier responded positively to the request of His Excellency and looking forward to the possibility of further support and corporation on the area requested.