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Subject: Recommendation letter for the "Go Ahead" NGO.

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings from the Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang, Cambodia!

As the *Prefect Apostolic* of the Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang, I have long witnessed the transformative power of education in the lives of young people and their communities. It is with deep conviction and joy that I offer my wholehearted recommendation for the *Go Ahead!* Organisation.

Go Ahead! is a grassroots program rooted in compassion, dignity, accountability, service and professionalism. It provides non-formal education in the rural Center of Cambodia, while also extending vital support to families and communities. Through teaching English, computer literacy, hygiene and nutrition, and creative co-curricular activities, Go Ahead! enables its students to succeed in this world and break the cycle of poverty.

The program's outreach goes beyond the classroom. Its breakfast program combats malnutrition, its pre-schools lay strong foundations for early learning, and its scholarship and student support programs ensure that vulnerable youth can continue their education. In addition, *Go Ahead!* engages in community development—digging wells, promoting hygiene, and offering direct assistance to those most in need.

The program aligns beautifully with the values of the Church and the development goals of the Royal Government of Cambodia. It is a living example of faith in action—uplifting the poor, educating the young, and building resilient communities.

Thus, I encourage all who can support *Go Ahead!* on its journey to do so. It is a beacon in the lives of many, and I am proud to stand beside it. For more information and related readings about the organization, please refer to the attached files.

In testimony, therefore, I, Msgr. Enrique Figaredo, S.J., Apostolic Prefect of the Catholic Prefecture of Battambang, attach below my signature and the seal of the Battambang Prefecture. Given this 8th October 2025 at the Apostolic Prefecture's Residence, Battambang City.

The happiness of God is our strength!

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