



The 11th Biennial Conference of the Comparative Education Society of Asia (CESA)
‘Education and Social Progress: Insights from Comparative Perspectives’

Press Release

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Siem Reap province. The Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), in partnership with Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia (PUC), is to host the 11th Biennial Conference of the Comparative Education Society of Asia (CESA) on 11–12 May 2018 at Sokhalay Angkor Hotel in Siem Reap, home of Cambodia’s Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO world heritage site. The theme for 2018 is Education and Social Progress: Insights from Comparative Perspectives.

CESA is an association of educational scholars, throughout Asia and beyond, engaged in the comparative study of educational systems, traditions and practices. It was created in 1991 with the aim of promoting comparative education as a scholarly field across Asia and lending more prominence to Asian voices in global debates about education. CESA’s past conferences were held in China, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The Cambodian government is prioritising the education sector. Improving the quality of teaching and learning at all educational levels is at the core of the education reform agenda, as set out in the National Strategic Development Plan. The conference will serve as a regional platform for scholars, researchers, practitioners and policymakers in the field of comparative and international education to discuss key issues concerning how social progress can be achieved through education and to reflect on what we mean when we talk about education as an instrument for social progress.

The conference aims to engage scholars in lively discussions on such topics as: Precisely what visions of a better society do we aspire to progress towards? How can education contribute to such progress? To what extent should we see education not only in instrumental terms but also as constitutive in itself of the good life for which we aim?

Approximately 350 participants from over 150 academic institutions across Asia and beyond have registered to participate and to share more than 250 presentations at the conference. The session presenters come from Australia, Cambodia, Canada, China, India, Japan, South Korea, the UK and the US.

Media representatives are welcome to attend and report on the conference. See the attached programme for details. Please direct any questions about conference arrangements to Sorn Seyda at (855) 17 899 877 or seyda@cdri.org.kh. For the conference venue, contact (855) 63 968 222 or info@sokhalayangkor.com or visit <http://www.sokhalayangkor.com>.

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