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Summary of Each Session

Keynote address: Public higher education governance in Cambodia: Towards multistakeholder governance

by H.E. Mak Ngoy, Director General of Higher Education, MOEYS

This keynote address aims to present the status and development of Cambodian higher education governance, especially institutional level governance, and the challenges the system has faced in practicing multistakeholder institutional governance. While the higher education sub-sector has transformed dramatically over the past 20 years, the institutional level governance has not transformed significantly to cope with the current development. The involvement of many key stakeholders in institutional governance is quite limited and needs to be improved. The involvement of faculty members, students, and industrial, academic and broader societies in institutional governance and management remains, to a varying degree, largely absent. To address these issues, a number of thoughts and thinking are proposed for further discussion among the stakeholders.

Session 1: Engaging multiple stakeholders in postsecondary education development: Regional perspectives

This session brings together Cambodian policymakers and experts from Malaysia, Australia, Sweden and Switzerland to share their experiences concerning the development of a national postsecondary education system in different contexts. The discussions centre on how different stakeholders have engaged and positively contributed to policy planning and making in order to ensure the quality and relevance of postsecondary education. These different experiences can provide lessons learned for the development of Cambodian postsecondary education at the micro, meso, exo and macro levels. Practical examples will be drawn from key topics, such as STEM education, skills development and labour market, and governance and financing.



Session 2: Internationalising postsecondary education for quality improvement

This session intends to discuss the significance of internationalisation in ensuring the quality of postsecondary education. Although international activities have long existed in Cambodia, as elsewhere, the term is new and thus means different things to different people. The session begins with a 15-minute overview of internationalisation in Cambodian postsecondary education, based on the empirical findings of the CDRI education research team. Against this backdrop, leaders from five leading Cambodian postsecondary institutions discuss their respective institution's current practices in internationalisation. A number of questions will be addressed, including: How has it been defined? What are the challenges? How can Cambodian postsecondary education institutions address such issues as foreign dominance, decline in the primacy of local language and culture, and program irrelevance? While the emphasis is on Cambodia, successful regional and international experiences are referenced when relevant.

Session 3: Promoting TVET through public-private partnership

This session aims to discuss the promotion of Cambodian TVET through public-private partnership (PPP). It begins with a 15-minute presentation on PPP models adopted by different countries and on how Cambodian stakeholders view this concept and its significance for TVET development, drawing on empirical evidence collected by a CDRI research team. This background leads to the plenary dialogue on strategies and approaches currently adopted by Cambodian TVET providers, government agencies and the private sector. The dialogue centres on such concepts as work-based and work-integrated learning and such practices as internship and apprenticeship. Key panellists include representatives from the government, the private sector and TVET providers.

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08:00 - 08:30 Registration and seating

08:30-09:40	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <p>Dr. Chhem Rethy Executive Director, CDRI</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Om Romny Director, Institute of Technology of Cambodia</p>
	<p>Keynote Address: Public Higher Education Governance in Cambodia: Towards Multistakeholder Governance</p> <p>H.E. Mak Ngoy Director General of Higher Education, MOEYS</p>

09:40 - 10:10 Refreshments

10:10 - 12:00	<p>Session 1: Engaging Multiple Stakeholders in Postsecondary Education Development: Regional Perspectives</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Chhem Rethy Executive Director, CDRI</p>	PANELLISTS
		H.E. Mak Ngoy Director General of Higher Education, MOEYS
		Mr. Simon Junker Head of Programme/Regional Advisor Skills Development Programme, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
		Prof. Magnus Saemundsson First Secretary – Education, Embassy of Sweden
		Dr. Gregory Smith Professor at Charles Darwin University Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Education Unit, CDRI
		Mr. Lim Tou Boon Programme Director, E2STEM Education
	Questions and Discussion	

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30 -15:00	Session 2: Internationalising Postsecondary Education for Quality Improvement Trigger Presenter and Moderator: Dr. LENG Phirom Research Fellow, CDRI	PANELLISTS
		H.E. Dr. Kol Pheng President, Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia
		Dr. Ly Sokheng Vice Rector, National University of Management
		H.E. Dr. Ngo Bunthan Rector, Royal University of Agriculture
		H.E. Dr. Chhea Chhorvann Director, National Institute of Public Health
		H.E. Sieng Emtotim Rector, University of Battambang
	Questions and Discussion	
15:00-15:30	Refreshments	
15:30-17:00	Session 3: Promoting TVET through Public-Private Partnership Trigger Presenter and Moderator: Dr. Song Sopheak Research Fellow, CDRI	PANELLISTS
		H.E. Laov Him Director General of Technical and Vocational Education and Training, MOLVT
		H.E. Oknha Keo Mom President, Cambodia Women Entrepreneurs Association
		Mr. Sar Kinal Managing Director, Aplus Consulting
		Mr. Kim Yoeum HR Manager, CominKhmere
		Mr. Phal Vithousamrith Chief of Department of Social Science and Foreign Languages, NPIC
	Questions and Discussion	
17:00-17:10	Session 4: Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks Dr. Chhem Rethy Executive Director, CDRI	
17:10	Closing	

H.E. Mak Ngoy

Director General of Higher Education
MOEYS



H.E. Ngoy MAK received his Master in Educational Administration from University of New England, Australia, in late 1990s. After returning to Cambodia, he resumed his work at the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport where he used to work since his return from overseas education in the early 1990s. Mr. MAK moved up the ranks regularly and in 2011, he was promoted to the rank of Director General of Higher Education. With this position, he is in charge of Higher Education policy formulation as well as overseeing the implementation of the policy and regulations. Mr. MAK is also the Manager of Higher Education Quality and Capacity Improvement Project funded by the World Bank. This project is very instrumental in building capacity of Cambodian Higher Education.

Regionally, Mr. MAK serves as a Board Member of the SEAMEO-RIHED and has contributed a lot to the regional higher education development and harmonization within ASEAN and beyond.

Dr. Chhem Kieth Rethy

Executive Director, CDRI



Dr Chhem Rethy is a medical doctor, biomedical scientist, science diplomat, historian of medicine, and educationalist, with experience in global health policy and ASEAN Higher Education. He has taught radiology at various universities in Canada, Singapore Japan and Austria for 28 years. He was the Chairman of Medical Imaging Department at Western University (Canada) before joining the International Atomic Energy Agency as Director of the Division of Human Health (2008-2014). He is currently the Executive Director of the Cambodian Development Resource Institute, a leading think tank in Cambodia and the ASEAN region. He holds a MD, a PhD in Education and a PhD in History. He published more than a hundred scientific articles and edited 17 textbooks on radiology, radiology education, paleoradiology, philosophy of medical imaging and radiation sciences with two on Fukushima nuclear accident.

He is currently a distinguished visiting professor at the Atomic Bomb Disease Institute, Nagasaki, Hiroshima and Fukushima Medical University.

H.E. Dr. Om Romny

Director, Institute of Technology of
Cambodia



Dr. Om Romny had appointed by the King of the Kingdom of Cambodia as a Director of the Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC) since 2008. Dr. Romny has published articles in international journals, currently a Board President of Rectors Council of Cambodia (RCC), serving as Vice-President of the Science Council of Asia, a steering committee member of the Asian University Network/Southeast Engineering Development Network, a Board Member of the Greater Mekong Sub-Region Academic Research Network, a steering member of School of Internet in Japan, a steering committee member of Asean Cyber University (ACU), and a board member of the CONFRASI de l'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, a visiting Professor at the University Toulon Var France. Dr. Romny engages in many research projects in partnership with numerous institutions in Japan, Asean and Europe. He earned his degree of Engineering in Electrical and Electronics from ITC in 1988, Master and Doctor of Engineering from Japan in 1996 and 2002 respectively.

Prof. Magnus Saemundsson

Senior Education Advisor at SIDA



Magnus Saemundsson has been working with education issues for almost 40 years. As a teacher in Swedish primary and secondary schools and lecturer at teacher training colleges for more than a decade and later as expert at Swedish government agencies of education. Expert on curricula development at the Swedish National Agency for Education, senior education expert at the Swedish Ministry for Education placed in Brussels working with education development and cooperation within the European Union. Later as a senior education advisor at SIDA, the Swedish International Development Agency, particularly working with Cambodia, Laos and Bangladesh. He is currently working with Swedish education support, skills development and labour market issues to Cambodia at the Swedish Embassy in Phnom Penh

Mr. Lim Tou Boon

Programme Director
E2STEM Education, Cambodia



As President of Taylor's College, Malaysia (2009-2015), Mr Lim was the key driver in the institution's vision of producing high achieving graduates to become productive global citizens. During his tenure, 1,000 students gained admission into the top 200 universities of the world each year. Mr Lim moved to Phnom Penh in 2015 to pursue his mission of equipping young leaders to transform communities. An advocate of disruptive innovation, he is committed to the unleashing of young talents through an inquiry-based learning approach at E2STEM Education to produce competent Cambodian STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) professionals with 21st century skills.

Dr. Gregory Smith

Professor at Charles Darwin University
Distinguished Visiting Fellow in the
Education Unit, CDRI



Dr Gregory Smith currently holds the position of Distinguished Visiting Fellow in the Education Unit at the Cambodian Development Resource Institute. He has extensive experience of teaching and learning in university, primary and secondary schools settings, including in-situ practicing teacher professional learning in science and STEM education. Greg has held positions of Head of the School (Education), Associate Professor for Teaching and Learning (Education), and Senior Officer with Education Queensland managing state-wide science education programmes. Currently, Greg is responsible for both Science and STEM education programs for undergraduate students, postgraduate students and teacher professional learning programs in the School of Education and the Centre for School Leadership at Charles Darwin University in Australia.

Mr. Simon Junker

Head of Programme/Regional Advisor
Skills Development Programme, Swiss Agency
for Development and Cooperation



Simon Junker is working since almost 20 years for the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Agency for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid of the Swiss Government. Currently he is based in the Swiss Cooperation Office in Phnom Penh as Regional Advisor on Skills Development and Employment. Before that, he was the Focal Point for Skills Development at SDC Headquarter, thus supporting SDC projects on the topic in different parts of the world. In previous assignments Simon Junker was based in Serbia, in the South Caucasus and in Kosovo. Simon Junker is a Geographer by education and holds a Master Degree in Natural Science.

Session 2

Panelist Bio

H.E. Dr. Kol Pheng

President and Founder of Paññāsāstra
University of Cambodia



Dr. Kol Pheng is president and founder of Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia (PUC), a private and independent higher learning institution that uses English-based instructions and adopts international standard programs and curricula. Dr. Kol was Senior Minister and Vice Chairman of the Supreme National Council on Education in the 4th legislative mandate of the Royal Government of Cambodia (2008- 2013). Dr. Kol Pheng was Senior Minister and Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of the 3rd legislative mandate of the Royal Government (2003- 2008). As Minister of Education, Youth and Sports and University president, Dr. Kol has promoted the teaching of loving-kindness, tolerance, peace, friendship and cooperation through extra-curricular for youth training and seminars throughout Cambodia and the ASEAN. He always advocates for peace, non-violence, and loving-kindness.

Dr. Kol has granted scholarship to thousand students from low income families, especially those from remote rural areas to study at PUC.

Dr. Ly Sokheng

Vice Rector, National University of
Management



Dr. Ly Sok Heng graduated his master's degree of Economics and Management from Shiga University and his PhD from Kokugakuin University, Tokyo, Japan. He has extensive experience in teaching since 1990 and has been promoted as a vice rector in charge of Financial Affairs and Research Coordinator at National University of Management in 2016. He has also worked as a secretarial member, senior researcher of the information research and analysis of the Cabinet of Prime Minister since 2008 until now.

H.E. Dr. Ngo Bunthan

Rector of Royal University of
Agriculture



Dr. Bunthan became a Rector of Royal University of Agriculture (RUA) on September 04, 2010. He previously served as Dean of faculty of Agricultural Engineering in 2000 and then as Vice Rector of the University in charge of Academic affair and International Cooperation in 2002. Rector Bunthan earned his MS in Agricultural Machinery and Management from Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Thailand and PhD in Agriculture Science from RUA joint program with Tokyo University of Agriculture (TUA) Japan. For 28 years, He also has served as engineer, teacher, trainer, facilitator and researcher of the university and NGOs. He also served as a member of evaluation committee of Council of Engineering of Cambodia (CEC) and Deputy President of International Society of Environmental and Rural Development (ISERD). Rector Bunthan has strong commitment with an international cooperation for improving quality of Agricultural education and research.

H.E. Dr. Chhea Chhorvann

Director, National Institute of
Public Health



Mr. Chhea Chhorvann is the Director of the National Institute of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Cambodia. Dr. Chhorvann is an Epidemiologist, graduated from the University of California Los Angeles. Dr. Chhorvann is also the Dean of the School of Public Health at the National Institute of Public Health, which is the first public higher education institution to offer master's degree in public health and Public Health related disciplines in Cambodia. Dr. Chhorvann has been working as a researcher for more than 15 years. His work and publications are mainly on HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Health, Quality of Care and Health System. He has also been teaching Epidemiology and Bio-statistics for more than 10 years at NIPH School of Public Health and University of Health Science.

Dr. Chhorvann has been actively involved in the development of the National curriculum for Public Health programs for the Ministry of Health. Dr. Chhorvann has also involved in the development of the curriculum for Bachelor of Public Health and he is currently the head of a Technical Working Group for developing a curriculum for a training program aiming at strengthening the management and leadership of health managers in Cambodia.

H.E. Sieng Emtotim

Rector, University of Battambang



Her Excellency Sieng Emtotim held a master's degree of Khmer literature from Royal Academy Cambodia in 2006. She has been working at University of Battambang as a vice rector from 2010 to 2013 and then as a rector of the university until now. She has been teaching literature and khmer history to undergraduate students and is currently responsible for Faculty of Technology, Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Education at University of Battambang. She is also a member of Cambodian Women for Peace and Development (CWAPD), a member of Cambodian Women Entrepreneurship Associatoin (CWEA) and a member of Union Youth Federation of Cambodia (UYFC).

Dr. Leng Phirom

Education Research Fellow,
Education Unit, CDRI



Dr Leng joined CDRI as a research fellow in March 2016. He holds a PhD in Comparative and International Higher Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto, Canada. Before joining CDRI, he was a visiting scholar at the Southern University of Science and Technology of China (SUSTC) in Shenzhen, China, helping with the establishment of the International Centre for Higher Education Innovation (ICHEI) – a UNESCO Category 2 Institute whose mandate is to support the expansion and improvement of ICT in higher education in developing countries. His research interests include comparative education, internationalisation and governance of higher education, science education, and innovation and policy research.

Session 3

Panelist Bio

H.E. Laov Him

Director General of Technical
Vocational Education and Training,
MOLVT



H.E. Laov Him is the Director General of Directorate General of Technical Vocational Education and Training (DGTJET) at the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training since 2004 to present. In 2017, he also was promoted to the Delegate of the Royal Government in charge of Director General of DGTJET, in addition to the current position. Beside this, he is also the member of National Training Board (NTB), the Chairman in the Project Advisory Committee (ILO Project) and the Project Coordinator of ADB-TVET related projects, in charge of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Cambodia. Previously, He worked at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS) since 1991. He became the chief office of Department of Technical Vocational Education and Training in 1998, and the Deputy Director in 2000 until 2004. Related to his education background, he graduated his bachelor degree in Philosophy in 1991 at the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP). He pursued Master degree in Business Administration at Universiti Utara Malaysia in 2001 and accomplished his degree in 2003.

H.E. Oknha Keo Mom

President, Cambodia Women
Entrepreneurs Association



Her Excellency Oknha Keo Mom graduated her diploma degree in 1990. Presently, she is holding four distinctive position as the Chief Executive Officer of LYL Food Industry Co., Ltd., a Vice President of Phnom Penh Small and Medium of Industries Association (PSMIA), a Deputy Secretary General of Chamber of Professional and Micro Enterprise of Cambodia (CPMEC) and a Vice President of Cambodia Korea Alumni Association (CAMKAA). In the course of her career, she has received numerous entrepreneur awards and has spoken about her growing experience in business in various events.

Mr. Kim Yoeum

HR Manager, CominKhmere



Mr. Kim Yoeum joined CominKhere, an engineering solutions company, five years ago and is currently serving as an HR manager. Started his job as a medical practitioner in 1984, he has since then worked at many different organizations which includes UN, International non-governmental organizations, MFI, and an IT company. During his career, he has been involved in management and leadership roles around 20 years as human resource manager, VP operations manager and board of director. He has been working in the field of human resources management for more than 10 years.

Mr. Phal Vithousamrith

Chief of Department of Social Science
and Foreign Languages, NPIC



Mr. Phal Vithousamrith has been working for the National Polytechnic Institute of Cambodia for more than 12 years. He has been employed in key positions such as deputy chief and chief of quality assurance office for many year before he moved to current position as Chief of Department of Social Science and Foreign Languages since 2015. For his academic background, he was awarded the Australian Development Scholarship in 2008, and first earned the Master Degree in Accounting and Financial Management from La Trobe University, Australia in 2010. Additionally, he won the World Bank scholarship Program in 2016 to the University of Bradford, UK. As one of the World Bank scholars and the only one awardee from Cambodia, he completed the Master of Science in Project Planning and Management in the context of International Development from the Bradford in 2017.

For his professional work, he started with the founding time of the NPIC and he introduced key development aspect in Quality Management Systems practice which the NPIC earned the compliance to ISO 9001:2008 related to quality management improvement as one of rare public institutes to implement the quality improvement process. He has been involved with key management in order to set up the policy and management practice work, capacity building and development for the internal improvement and development of NPIC.

Dr. Song Sopheak

PhD in Education and Human Science
Research Fellow, Education Unit, CDRI



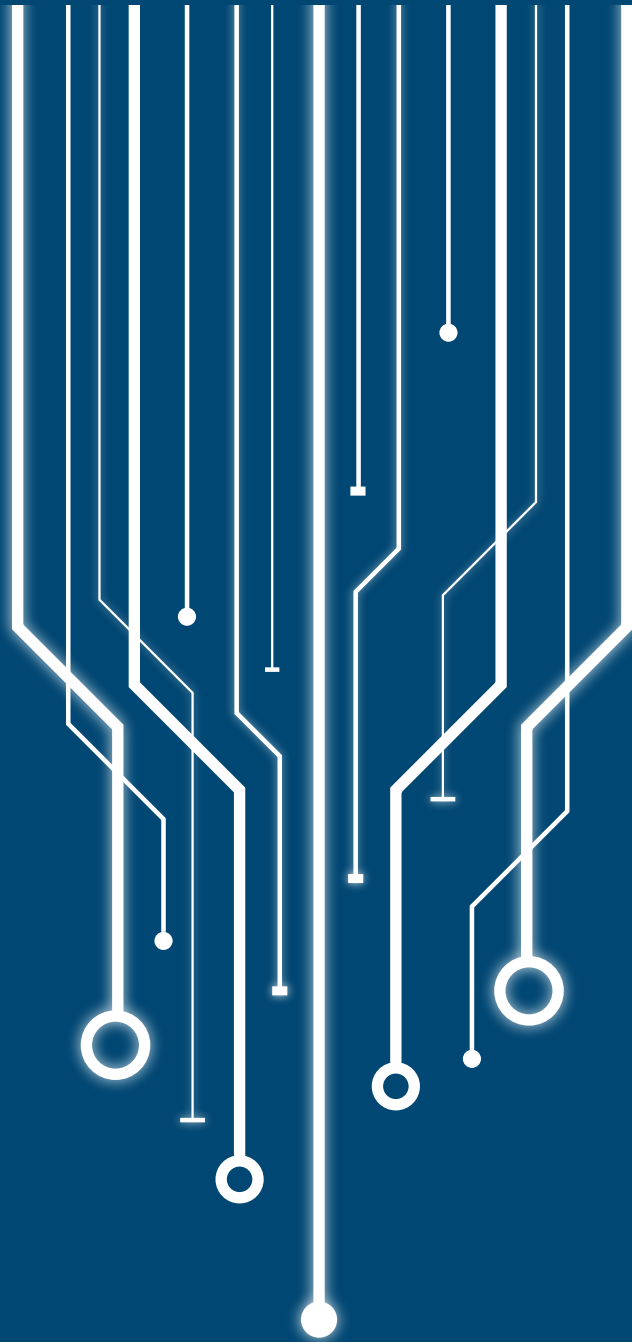
Dr Song obtained both his MA and PhD in Education and Human Science from the Graduate School of Education, Hiroshima University, Japan. Before joining CDRI in October 2016, he undertook post-doctoral research at the Global Career Design Center and the Center for Research and Practice of International Cooperation in Science, Mathematics and Technology Education (SMATEC), both belonging to Hiroshima University. His research has focused on academic achievement, classroom teaching, teacher education, STEM education, industry-university linkages and TVET in Cambodia.

Mr. Sar Kinal

Managing Director of Aplus Consulting



Kinal is the Managing Director of Aplus Consulting, arguably the largest manpower outsourcing company in Cambodia. He is also a Board of Director of Young Entrepreneurs Association of Cambodia (YEAC). He is also a co-founder and a Board of Director for Cambodia-Japan Association for Business and Investment (CJBI). Due to his passion for people development, he is also a part-time lecturer at leading Universities in Cambodia. Prior to joining Aplus, he was an Assistant to the Chairman of National Accounting Council, in charge of procurement for all projects granted by ADB and World Bank. He is a co-founder and president of the Association of Kratie Students supporting hundreds of poor students from his hometown to pursue their undergraduate studies in Phnom Penh. Kinal holds a Master of Business Administration from, Chonnam National University, South Korea, and Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting, from National University of Management, Cambodia.



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