

Dissemination Workshop
The Thnal Udom Chomnes:
Reimagining Future Education of Cambodia

06 June 2023

Fairfield by Marriott Phnom Penh, Ballroom Level 25

Concept Note

Background

June 2023 marked the Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI)'s completion of a research program entitled *Thnal Udom Chomnes: Reimagining Future Education of Cambodia*. The two-year program is funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) through The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes Initiative: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia. The program aims to (1) produce independence, high-quality, accessible and user-friendly research outputs to influence education reforms and practices in Cambodia; (2) build the knowledge, skills and capacity of CDRI in its effort to become a leading institute of development policy research, locally and regionally; and (3) establish collaborative partnerships for policy and scholarship dialogue and research between CDRI and relevant stakeholders both within and outside Cambodia.

Two main research studies were conducted under this program. They are (1) *Technology Integration of Cambodian Higher Education: Emerging Changes since Covid-19 and Notable Challenges* and (2) *Cambodian Secondary School Teachers' Readiness for Online Teaching During the Covid-19 Pandemic*. Besides this, two additional studies were conducted as a part of our activities to promote research culture and build the capacity of local researchers.

As we reach the conclusion of this second phase of the program, CDRI is pleased to present the research findings to our stakeholders in the hope that they will become relevant inputs for future policy development, discussion, and implementation. It is also our great pleasure to showcase our accomplishments thus far within this project implementation period.

Objectives

As part of the public policy engagement activities, the dissemination workshop will bring together relevant stakeholders from government agencies, higher education institutions (HEIs), schools, firms from the private sectors, development partners, and local and international civil society organisations (CSOs) working in the areas of general and higher education as well as digital technology for the public discussion.

The main objectives of the workshop are to:

- Present the accomplishments achieved throughout the program implementation;
- Disseminate the results of research findings undertaken under the Thnal Udom Chomnes: Reimagining Future Education of Cambodia;
- Discuss the findings against the broader challenges and opportunities on the integration of digital technology in education, education transformation, and knowledge society;
- Provide a platform for policy discussion among stakeholders, and
- Formulate policy suggestions and recommendations for strengthening Cambodian education.

Format

The workshop will be held in person on **06 June 2023** at **Fairfield by Marriott Phnom Penh (Ballroom Level 25)** from 8:00 AM to 13:30 PM. Please kindly scan the QR code on the right-hand side to find the workshop's location.



Participants

There are approximately 100 stakeholders invited to this dissemination workshop. They are representatives from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS), the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI), the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training (MLVT), development partners, research institutes, public and private educational establishments, civil society organisations (CSOs), private sectors, and independent researchers working in related fields.

Tentative Agenda

TIME	ACTIVITIES
8:00	Registration
8:20 - 8:40	Welcoming Remarks by Dr Eng Netra , Executive Director, CDRI Opening Remarks by Mr Andreas Zurbrugg , Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy Phnom Penh Keynote Address by H.E Dr Om Romny , Secretary of State, MoEYS (TBC)
8:40 - 8:45	Group Photo
8:45 - 8:50	Recap Video of the program activities and achievement
8:50 - 9:20	Refreshment
9:20 – 10:50	Plenary Discussion: Education Transformation: Are Teachers and Students Ready?

	<p>Moderator: Dr Bo Chankoulika, Director, Department of Policy, MoEYS</p> <p>Presenter: Mr Ly Tong, Researcher, Department of Educational Research, Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Royal Academy of Cambodia</p> <p>Panellists: Dr Chea Phal, Director of Centre for Educational Research and Innovation, CDRI Ms Ean Sokunthy, Biology Teacher, Prek Thmey High School Ms Pauv Soneasa, Student, Happy Chandara Neary Prek Thmey High School</p>
10:50 – 11:20	<p>Presentation of Study: Technology Integration of Cambodian Higher Education: Emerging Changes since Covid-19 and Notable Challenges Presented by Dr Song Sopheak, Deputy Executive Director, CDRI</p>
11:20 – 11:50	<p>Presentation of Study: Cambodia’s Aspirations to Become a Knowledge-Based Society: Perspectives of Cambodian University Students Presented by Dr Heng Kimkong, Co-founder and Editor-in-Chief Cambodian Education Forum</p>
11:50 – 12:00	<p>Closing Remarks by Ms Meloney C. Lindberg, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation</p>
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Lunch Break and Networking</p>

**The organiser reserves the right to make changes to the event program*