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WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF THE PSBU E-MAGAZINE

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the PSBU E-Magazine a new and exciting platform designed to bring you the latest updates, stories, and insights from our vibrant academic community. As we embark on this journey, we are thrilled to offer you a monthly glimpse into the dynamic world of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

In this first issue, you'll discover a wealth of information about our key initiatives, including the PSBU Leadership Academy, a beacon of hope and skill development for students across Cambodia, and the PSBU Foundation, which is steadfast in its mission to make education accessible to the most disadvantaged communities. Additionally, we'll dive into the PSBU International Project, where our global engagements and partnerships continue to grow, enhancing educational standards and opportunities far and wide.

Each edition of this e-magazine will serve as a testament to our commitment to education, leadership, and social impact. We hope you find inspiration, knowledge, and a deeper connection to our shared vision within these pages.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Welcome to the PSBU community!

PSBU Joins the ASEAN University Network: Advancing Teaching, Learning, and Global Collaboration

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University (PSBU) has taken a significant step forward in its mission to enhance teaching, learning, and academic collaboration by being accepted into the prestigious ASEAN University Network (AUN). This milestone is not only a recognition of PSBU's commitment to excellence but also a key component of its strategic plan to strengthen regional and international engagement, expand faculty and student networking opportunities, and ensure a world-class educational experience.

What is the ASEAN University Network?

The ASEAN University Network (AUN) is a leading consortium of top universities across the ten ASEAN member states, dedicated to fostering academic cooperation, research collaboration, and educational development. Established in 1995, AUN plays a pivotal role in raising the quality of higher education in the region through student exchange programs, faculty development initiatives, joint research projects, and policy integration. By joining this distinguished network, PSBU gains access to a wealth of academic opportunities that align perfectly with its long-term vision for growth and internationalization.

Strengthening Teaching, Learning, and Academic Excellence

PSBU's inclusion in AUN reinforces its commitment to continuously enhancing teaching methodologies, curriculum development, and research capabilities. Through collaborations with other AUN member institutions, PSBU faculty will have access to professional development programs, workshops, and international research partnerships, ensuring they remain at the forefront of innovative education. This will directly benefit students by exposing them to cutting-edge teaching techniques and providing them with a globally competitive academic experience.

Additionally, AUN's emphasis on quality assurance aligns with PSBU's strategic objective of meeting and exceeding international academic standards. Membership in this network further validates PSBU's dedication to fostering an academic environment that is both rigorous and globally relevant.

Expanding Networking and Exchange Opportunities

A major advantage of AUN membership is the vast network of opportunities it provides for both faculty and students. PSBU students will now have greater access to exchange programs, study-abroad opportunities, and international internships at some of the top universities in ASEAN. These experiences will not only broaden their academic perspectives but also equip them with cross-cultural competencies that are essential in today's interconnected world.

For faculty members, AUN opens doors to collaborative research, joint publications, and participation in ASEAN-wide academic conferences and symposiums. This increased engagement with scholars from across the region will enrich PSBU's research output, encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, and contribute to solving real-world challenges through knowledge-sharing initiatives.

A Future of Innovation and Global Engagement

PSBU's acceptance into the ASEAN University Network is a pivotal achievement that aligns with its strategic goal of becoming a leader in higher education, both regionally and globally. This membership not only elevates PSBU's reputation but also ensures that its students and faculty are actively engaged in transformative educational experiences.

As PSBU moves forward, it remains committed to leveraging AUN's resources to enhance teaching quality, expand student and faculty mobility, and strengthen its position as a center for academic excellence. This is a proud moment for the entire PSBU community—a step toward a brighter future where innovation, collaboration, and quality education shape the next generation of leaders.

Rector's Message
Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University

The founder of the Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University would wish to give a vision and spirit based on the Buddha's teachings in order to set up a culture of peace, and a humanist, tolerant and harmonious mind in the present society. The enforcement of the Blessed One's teachings through higher education will facilitate understanding, solidarity and compassion between men and women in the same society. It will also spread more tolerant and friendly relations among all peoples.

The first aim of the Buddhist University is to allow the elaboration of a new tank of the best human resources, well-educated as well as in general training and the technical capacities than in the knowledge of the Buddhist principles and values. Its principle will also be the preservation of Buddhism, and Khmer cultures and traditions, providing necessary intellectual foundations for development of the modern Khmer society.

Being aware of the huge needs of the country, the Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University takes part strongly in the noble mission of the reconstruction and intellectual rebirth in the near future which the country needs. It has the will and capability to participate in this reconstruction, and it is able to train and to provide human resources, educated in the sufficient knowledge as well as in the fields of the Buddhist spiritual sciences than in the fields of the most modern technologies.

It will be a good asset to allow our younger generations to acquire adequate capabilities to face new challenges, and the complexity of the actual world and to understand the role of their country in this world. The younger generations will have the intellectual, spiritual and technical means in order to assure the continuity and the radiance of our culture, our civilization, and also the development of the economic potentials of the country to fight poverty.

Messages from H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheakdey

Secretary of State Ministry of cults and religion in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University is a public university that gives 100% 4 years scholarship to all students from every corner in Cambodia. With this scholarship, we highly commit to offer higher education that bring hopes for all students, hope to graduate their degree with high knowledge, hope to get a well-paid job for family support, hope to have opportunity among other educated and hope to bring dignity for themselves and society within 3 main core values "Mercy, Consciousness and Intelligence".

Our vision statement is "Enriching high potential human resource for social security, order and economic growth with prestige, dignity and trust both local and international".

We, PSB University, are the hopes of all education seekers who are willing to accept our international educational agenda under the direct supervision and visions of the Rector of PSB University. Following to our vision we have accomplished a lot of successes either in local and international stages. One of the remarkable achievements is becoming an official member of International Association of Universities (IAU); and through that, PSB University becomes more and more advance in academic performance. Regarding to these, PSB University commits to provide good quality of education that apply to current and future global demands through developing our education system, teaching capacity, learning atmospheres and international education partnership.

To overcome this, we are building and upgrading our campus with modern facilities in which faculty members and students can develop and dedicate themselves to education and research at a global level. Also, with our endeavor to build the best in both education and research, it is very important that we adopt a student-centered approach to education to better meet our student's needs and expectations.

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February 8, 2025 – His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha, Maha Sangharajah Thipati Bour Kry, Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayut Order of Cambodia, recently concluded a six-day Buddhist visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The visit, which took place from February 2nd to 7th, 2025, focused on promoting peace, morality, and Buddhist principles. During his stay, His Holiness led teachings at significant Buddhist sites in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, and Bagan. He emphasized the importance of cultivating virtue, adhering to Buddhist precepts, practicing meditation, and maintaining moral conduct. His Holiness advocated for a life guided by compassion, mindfulness, wisdom, and harmonious coexistence, leading to peace, prosperity, and spiritual excellence.

On the third day of the visit, His Excellency Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister of Myanmar, along with senior leaders and high-ranking officials, paid respects to His Holiness. They offered a sacred Buddha statue and other religious donations. His Excellency expressed profound honor and gratitude for the Supreme Patriarch's visit, recognizing it as a significant blessing for Buddhism in Myanmar. He reaffirmed his commitment to enhancing Buddhist education and constructing religious sites, including the ASEAN Buddhist Monastery and a Cambodian Buddhist Temple in Nay Pyi Taw, as a demonstration of respect and gratitude for His Holiness's presence. This visit underscores Myanmar's dedication to fostering Buddhism, strengthening ASEAN Buddhist ties, and reinforcing the deep-rooted friendship between Cambodia and Myanmar. It also reflects a shared vision of promoting and propagating Buddhism globally. At the conclusion of the visit, His Holiness Samdech Preah Maha Sangharajah Bour Kry offered blessings to His Excellency, wishing him success in his mission to preserve, promote, and protect Buddhism. He invoked the blessings of the Triple Gem (Buddha, Dhamma, and Sangha) for global peace and harmony.

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On February 6, 2025, Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry received H.E. U Bo Htay, Mayor of Yangon, and senior municipal officials for a courtesy call and donation ceremony at the Novotel Hotel, Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar. During the meeting, H.E. the Mayor expressed his deep pleasure and gratitude to His Holiness for his visit to Yangon. He added that His Holiness's presence was a most meaningful and important historical event, demonstrating the commitment to promoting close Buddhist ties between the two countries. Furthermore, His Holiness's presence provided a blessing of peace and prosperity to the people of Myanmar nationwide. His Holiness expressed his gratitude to H.E. the Mayor for the warm hospitality and wished him and his colleagues happiness, prosperity, and success in all their endeavors to maintain, protect, and promote Buddhism throughout the world. Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry received Ambassador H.E. Cheng Manit and Mr. Ing Phalkun, Chief of the Cambodian Military Attaché to Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, for a courtesy call.

On February 7, 2025, Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry received Ambassador H.E. Cheng Manit and Mr. Ing Phalkun, Chief of the Cambodian Military Attaché to Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, for a courtesy call at the Novotel Hotel, Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar. During the meeting, H.E. the Ambassador and the Chief of the Cambodian Military Attaché expressed their deepest gratitude to His Holiness for his visit to Myanmar. They added that His Holiness's presence demonstrated his concern for the solidarity and friendship between Cambodia and Myanmar.

His Holiness expressed his gratitude to H.E. the Ambassador and the Chief of the Military Attaché for their sincere devotion to the Dharma and wished them and their colleagues happiness, prosperity, and success in all their endeavors.

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On Friday, February 7, 2025, His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharaja Dhipati Bour Kry received an audience with His Excellency Cheng Manith, the Cambodian Ambassador, and Mr. Ung Phalkun, the Cambodian Military Attaché in Yangon, Myanmar, who came to pay their respects.

The meeting was held at the Novotel Hotel in Yangon. During this encounter, both the Ambassador and the Military Attaché expressed their joy and gratitude for His Holiness's visit to Myanmar, highlighting that his presence signifies a strong commitment to fostering relationship, solidarity, and friendship between Cambodia and Myanmar.

In response, His Holiness conveyed his heartfelt thanks to the Ambassador and the Military Attaché for their respectful reception. He also offered his blessings for their happiness, prosperity, and success in all their future endeavors.

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President of the Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni, graciously received a donation of medicine from Heng (Cambodia) Ltd.,

On the afternoon of Friday, January 17, 2025, His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Bour Kry, President of the Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni, graciously received a donation of medicine. This generous contribution was made by Mr. Heng Vichith, Director General of Meet Heng (Cambodia) Ltd., and comprised 30,000 tablets of Bonavidea Vitamin C 1000mg effervescent tablets (Ascorbic acid 1000mg) and Sakatonik Activ Immunity. The donation took place at the Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post, located within Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

In appreciation of this generous gift, His Holiness expressed his heartfelt gratitude and presented a letter of appreciation to the Director General. He emphasized that the donated medicines would significantly benefit the public, particularly the monastic students and other students of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

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On the morning of Sunday, January 19, 2025, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University held the "Examination for the Selection of Students to Enroll in Higher Diploma Programs for the 2024-2025 Academic Year." This event featured two majors: Public Administration (9th Generation) and General Management (6th Generation). The examination was presided over by Preah Sumedhavong Dr. Sok Bun Thoeun, President of the Department of Buddhist Higher Education and Post-Buddhist Higher Education, alongside Mr. Kan Sokhom, Vice-Rector responsible for Higher Diploma Programs. The event also included the presence of Samdech His Holiness the Rector, Mrs. Pen Chanchariya, Vice-Rector, alongside Deans, Deputy Deans, Heads and Deputy Heads of Committees, Professors, Monks, and Academic Staff.

The selection examination commenced at 7:30 AM, with a total of 152 candidates participating: 85 candidates for Public Administration (19th Generation) and 67 candidates for General Management (6th Generation).

The examination concluded successfully at 11:30 AM. In conclusion, the ceremony for selecting students to enroll in higher diploma programs for the 2024-2025 academic year was executed smoothly and successfully, marking an important step in the academic journey of the candidates involved.

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Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mr. Yanai Manabu, Director of the Pay It Forward Organization

On the afternoon of Wednesday, January 22, 2025, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Secretary of State in Charge of PSB University, representing His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah BOUR KRY, the Rector, led the management and officials of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mr. Yanai Manabu, Director of the Pay It Forward Organization, Ms. Cheng Phalla, Director of Kobe Man Services (Cambodia) Co., Ltd., and their team, at the university. During the signing ceremony, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey emphasized the key objectives of the MOU, which include:

- Providing training in the Japanese language, work ethic skills, and cultural traditions to monks and students of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.
- Offering scholarships to monks and students for further studies in Japan.
- Facilitating employment opportunities in Japanese companies, both in Cambodia and Japan.
- Publishing and distributing books to support the educational needs of monks and students at the university.

After the signing ceremony, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey guided the Director of the Pay It Forward Organization, the Director of Kobe Man Services (Cambodia) Co., Ltd., and their team on a tour of the Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post, Peace Library, Computer Room, Artificial Trial Court Hall, and Peace Palace Hall at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

At the conclusion of the event, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey expressed his heartfelt gratitude, presenting souvenirs to the Director of the Pay It Forward Organization and the Director of Kobe Man Services (Cambodia) Co., Ltd. The occasion culminated in joyful commemorative photos, celebrating the partnership and collaboration.

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