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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!

Empowering Young Professionals:
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In a collaborative effort between the PSBU International Project and EBSGlobal, an intensive three-day Capacity Development Training Program on Essential Organizational Skills is set to take place from May 23rd to May 25th, 2025, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This program is specifically designed for newly joined professionals, job seekers, and university students aged 18 to 35, aiming to equip them with crucial skills needed to succeed in today's dynamic workplaces.

The training is part of an ongoing initiative to support career readiness and workplace efficiency, ensuring that young professionals develop the organizational skills necessary for success.

Expert-Led Training Sessions

The program features expert trainers from different countries, each specializing in key areas of organizational development:

Methods of Organization – Mr. Kraisar Gilitwala (Thailand)

- **Understanding the fundamentals of effective organization**
- **Exploring how organization functions within a company**
- **Developing planning, scheduling, and coordination skills**

Self-Management – Mr. Darath Khim (Cambodia)

- **The importance of self-motivation and confidence**
- **Strengthening communication and interpersonal skills**
- **Maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle**

Time Management – Mr. Bradley Emerson (Sri Lanka)

- **Strategies to improve time management skills**
- **Techniques for prioritizing work, avoiding procrastination, and setting deadlines**
- **How to balance efficiency with stress management**

Team Organization & Personal Action Plan – Dr. Karl Meneghella (Australia)

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A Transformative Learning Experience

This training provides a structured yet interactive approach, combining expert knowledge with real-world applications. Attendees will engage in practical exercises, group discussions, and strategic planning sessions to help them translate theoretical knowledge into actionable skills.

By the end of the program, participants will leave with a comprehensive understanding of how to stay organized, manage their time effectively, and work collaboratively within a team.

A Joint Initiative for Professional Growth

This program is part of a broader PSBU International Project initiative in collaboration with EBSGlobal, reinforcing their commitment to enhancing professional development opportunities for young professionals across Cambodia and beyond. Through this partnership, the goal is to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and workplace expectations, ensuring that participants are fully prepared to take on leadership roles in their careers.

For more details on how to participate in future training programs, stay connected with PSBU International Project and EBSGlobal.

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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Myanmar-Cambodia Relations: Commitment to Strengthen Relations and Cooperation Between Myanmar and Cambodia

On the morning of Tuesday, February 11, 2025, His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayuttikanikaya Order of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, received His Excellency U Kyaw Soe Min, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Cambodia, for a courtesy call at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

During the meeting, the Ambassador expressed his sincere gratitude to His Holiness for leading the Cambodian delegation on a Buddhist religious visit and for providing guidance and teachings rooted in the Dharma path of the Buddha, aiming to promote and disseminate the splendor of Buddhism between Myanmar and Cambodia. Furthermore, His Holiness conveyed his praise and gratitude to the high-ranking officials of Myanmar for receiving and accompanying him and his delegation during their visit.

His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Bour Kry and the Ambassador then discussed the potential for expanding cooperation across various sectors, including economy, trade, investment, defense and security, tourism, and culture, as well as fostering people-to-people and business-to-business connections. His Holiness encouraged the Ambassador to establish close contact and cooperation with Cambodian ministries and institutions to further strengthen bilateral cooperation, particularly in the religious sphere, given the shared Buddhist faith of both nations.

Finally, Ambassador U Kyaw Soe Min expressed his appreciation to His Holiness for the warm welcome and for granting him the audience. Before concluding the meeting, His Holiness, the Ambassador, and the leaders of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University posed for a group photograph, capturing moments of smiles, joy, and the strengthening of their cordial friendship.

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Sri Lanka-Cambodia Relations: Promoting Religious and Educational Sectors Between Sri Lanka and Cambodia, Particularly Enhancing Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University

On the afternoon of February 26, 2025, His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayuttikanikaya Order of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, received Her Excellency Edinrisinghe Archchitage Sriyani Wijayanthi Edirisinhe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Cambodia (based in Bangkok), for a courtesy call and discussions on religious and educational cooperation at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

During the meeting, His Holiness expressed his delight in discussing Buddhism, the bilateral friendship between Cambodia and Sri Lanka, and the living conditions of their respective populations. He also provided insights into the educational landscape of Cambodia, with a particular focus on the training and education of monastic and lay students at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

In closing, Ambassador Edinrisinghe Archchitage Sriyani Wijayanthi Edirisinhe conveyed her gratitude to His Holiness for the warm reception and the opportunity for the courtesy call. She presented a Buddha statue as a symbol of respect, shared religious values, and goodwill. Before the meeting concluded, His Holiness, the Ambassador, and their delegations participated in a commemorative photograph, capturing a moment of shared smiles, joy, and strengthened diplomatic ties.

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BACHELOR'S THESIS DEFENSE CEREMONY FOR STUDENTS OF PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY, ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

On the morning of Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University held its Bachelor's Thesis Defense Ceremony for the 2024-2025 academic year. The event was attended by His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Secretary of State in Charge of PSB University and His Excellency Meas Samnang, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion, and university management and officials.

During the ceremony, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey announced that 235 students from the 16th graduating class defended their theses across six specializations: Law (107 students), General Management (42 students), Computer Science (19 students), Teaching English (30 students), Khmer Literature (28 students), and Educational Science (9 students). The defenses took place from March 12-14, 2025.

His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey further explained that the thesis defenses were organized to enhance the capacity, knowledge, and skills of the students, aligning with the human capital development strategy of the Royal Government's 7th legislative term, as outlined in the first phase of the Pentagon Strategy.

The Bachelor's Thesis Defense Ceremony concluded successfully, and a group photograph was taken to commemorate the occasion, capturing a moment of warm camaraderie and celebration.

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"Buddha's Teachings in the Tripitaka on the Value of Social Moral Education"

To contribute to the development of the nation alongside the Royal Government

On the morning of Thursday, March 20, 2025, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University organized a lecture titled "The Tripitaka and Promoting the Value of Social Moral Education According to the Path of Buddhism." The lecture was presided over by the speaker, Venerable Dr. Sok Bunthoeun, President of the Buddhist Higher Education Department of the National Buddhist Education Inspectorate.

At the lecture's commencement, Venerable stated that students must strive to study and learn both secular and spiritual knowledge. He emphasized that all education, at a minimum, should adhere to the C4 model: (1) Change of mindset and behavior, (2) Construction of hard and soft infrastructure aimed at human resource development, (3) Correction, encompassing primary to higher education, and (4) Culture for development. Furthermore, Venerable added that Buddhism plays a crucial role in and is inherently connected to education, particularly in the cultivation of morality, virtue, etiquette, and the practice of Dharma according to the Buddha's teachings.

He continued by explaining that all of the Buddha's teachings are recorded in the Tripitaka. The Tripitaka was officially compiled by Cambodians through Royal Decree No. 106, dated December 14, 1929. To date, it comprises 110 volumes: the Vinaya Pitaka with 13 volumes (volumes 1-13), the Sutta Pitaka with 64 volumes (volumes 14-77), and the Abhidhamma Pitaka with 33 volumes (volumes 78-110), totaling 84,000 Dharma aggregates. In summary, students must strive to study and educate themselves according to these 84,000 Dharma aggregates, which can be succinctly summarized as three core principles: morality (Sila), concentration (Samadhi), and wisdom (Panna). This practice aims to transform individuals into good children, good friends, good students, and good citizens, thereby contributing to the sustainable development of the nation.

Finally, Venerable Dr. Sok Bunthoeun delivered a reminder and encouragement to students, urging them to diligently strive to study and maintain the respectful practice of Buddhism. He emphasized that Buddhist education serves as a platform for cultivating ethical approaches, knowledge, and skills, a mental healing center, and a means to continue promoting and preserving the cultural heritage of ancestors across all eras.

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Meeting on "Establishing the Committee and Subcommittee for Organizing the National Flag Ceremony at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University"

On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, a meeting was held regarding the "Establishing the Committee and Subcommittee for Organizing the National Flag Ceremony at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University" Under the presidency of His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Secretary of State in Charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, the meeting was attended by vice-rectors, government officials, administrative staff, and professors of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

At the commencement of the meeting, His Excellency delivered remarks on the organization of the Songkran celebration at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, under the theme: "PSB University Youth Committed to Preserving and Protecting Peace." The PSBU Songkran celebration featured a variety of traditional and cultural activities, including a Buddhist chanting ceremony, a blessing ritual, the hoisting of banners, the construction of a sand pagoda, and an almsgiving ceremony. Additionally, the event included a New Year's angel procession and various traditional folk games such as Chol Chhoung, Bos Angkunh, and Breaking pot. Festive entertainment activities were also arranged, including food and souvenir stalls, musical performances, and stage shows featuring classical and folk dances, along with a traditional drum performance accompanied by rhythmic dancing. Furthermore, His Excellency emphasized the importance of fostering unity and solidarity to ensure long-term sustainability and harmony.

Continuing, His Excellency encouraged and promoted the leadership, officials, professors, and students to uphold the national flag of the Kingdom of Cambodia as a symbol of discipline, dignity, and national pride. He also urged them to instill patriotism and express gratitude toward those who had sacrificed to protect and develop the nation, ensuring its peace and prosperity.

In conclusion, His Excellency encouraged the leadership, management team, faculty members, civil servants, and staff of Preah Sihamoni Raja Buddhist University to work together in unity to guide students in organizing the Songkran celebration at the university. This event aims to welcome the New Year's deity and warmly receive students and guests from various regions who join the New Year festival in a joyful and harmonious atmosphere.

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