





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!

Rector's Message

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University



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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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Workshop on: “Communication Skills – Episode 3”

On May 3, 2025, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University successfully hosted a workshop titled “Communication Skills – Episode 3”, held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and presented by Dr. Steve Cochrane, an expert in communication and personal development.

The event began with participant registration at 7:30 AM, as students and attendees gathered enthusiastically, well-prepared to engage in this essential training session. From 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Dr. Steve Cochrane delivered an insightful and interactive session on the dynamics of communication.

His presentation emphasized that communication is a multifaceted process involving the exchange of perspectives, ideas, opinions, experiences, information, and emotions whether individually or in groups through writing, speaking, listening, and body language. He stressed the importance of clear, inclusive, accurate, and ethical messaging in building effective relationships and avoiding confusion or misinterpretation.

The workshop aimed to deepen participants' understanding of communication as a core life skill. It highlighted the significance of effective communication in boosting confidence, enhancing problem-solving skills, and fostering meaningful connections. Dr. Steve Cochrane also provided practical guidance on how to communicate flexibly and confidently in diverse contexts, including interactions with foreign speakers.

An engaging aspect of the workshop was the interactive practice sessions, where students collaborated directly with the trainer and with one another. These hands-on activities allowed participants to experience real-time communication challenges and develop new approaches in a supportive learning environment.

By gaining these additional communication skills, students were empowered to express themselves more confidently, engage meaningfully with those around them, and navigate conversations across different cultural and social settings. In conclusion, the workshop fulfilled its mission of equipping youth with the knowledge and confidence to harness the power of communication effectively. The event was offered free of charge, held in a comfortable and welcoming environment, and created a positive and collaborative atmosphere for all attendees.



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Meeting Topic: Preparation for the Inauguration Ceremony of Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building and Various Achievements

In the afternoon, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, the Ministry of Cults and Religion organized a meeting on "Preparation for the Inauguration Ceremony of the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building and Various Achievements." Located within the premises of Svay Pope Pagoda, Tonle Bassac Sangkat, Chamkar Mon District, Phnom Penh. Under the presidency of His Excellency Chay Borin, Minister of Cults and Religion. His Excellency You Sunlong, Minister Delegate Attached to the Prime Minister. His Excellency General Huy Piseth, Secretary of State of the Ministry of National Defense. His Excellency Dy Pov, Deputy Chief of Cabinet of Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia. His Excellency Nguon Sdachpheapdey, Secretary of State in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. Along with His Excellencies, Her Excellency, Professors, and numerous other government officials.

As the opening agenda, His Excellency Nguon Sdachpheapdey, Secretary of State in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, delivered a presentation on "Preparation for the Inauguration Ceremony of the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building and Various Achievements." His Excellency delivered remarks concerning the program agenda and various preparations related to the inauguration ceremony of the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building, for May 9, 2025. Including the invitation and attendance of the presiding committee, the composition of participants, the arrangement of uniforms for attendees, the ceremonial proceedings, religious rituals, and the preparation of the stage for the presiding committee. And the layout for the inauguration program of the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building, including the public stage, entrance pathway, stage for the presiding committee, ribbon-cutting area, Buddhist clergy, vehicle passes, participant identification badges, as well as the progress made, achievements attained, and challenges encountered. In line with the presentation, there was also coordination and input from His Excellency Chay Borin, Minister of Cults and Religion, along with other Excellencies who participated in the meeting. In addition, security arrangements for the inauguration ceremony of the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building involved the division of forces into three groups to ensure public order and the safety of the leadership, as well as all members and participants of the event.



In conclusion, after the meeting, His Excellency Chay Borin, Minister of Cults and Religion. His Excellency You Sunlong, Minister Delegate Attached to the Prime Minister. Led the delegation to conduct an on-site inspection of the preparations for the inauguration ceremony of the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building and various achievements at Svay Pope Pagoda, which is scheduled to take place on May 9, 2025.



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Buddhist Blessing Ceremony for the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building and Various Achievements

In the Afternoon, Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University organized the Buddhist Blessing Ceremony for the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building and Various Achievements, held at the premises of Svay Pope Pagoda, Under the presidency of His Holiness Samdach Preah Abhisiri Sugandhāmahāsangharājāh Dhipati Kitti Uddessa Pandita Bour Kry, The Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. His Excellency Dr. Chay Borin, Minister of Cults and Religion, along with His Excellencies, Her Excellencies, Professors, government officials, and students.

The commencement involved the opening of the Buddhist blessing ceremony, invoking the blessings of the spirits of water and land for happiness, prosperity, and success during the inauguration of the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building on May 9, 2025. The ceremony included the traditional arrangement of ceremonial items for the Buddhist blessing, following the ten directions of offering sacred items, a major offering ceremony, the declaration of blessings, and the performance of sacred music and chants, among other rituals. Following that, His Holiness Samdach Preah Abhisiri Sugandhāmahāsangharājāh Dhipati Kitti Uddessa Pandita Bour Kry, The Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, along with 9 monks, performed a prayer to invoke blessings and peace, extending their good wishes to His Excellency, Her Excellencies, Professors, government officials, and students attending the Buddhist blessing ceremony, wishing for happiness and prosperity for all.



In conclusion, His Holiness Samdach Preah Abhisiri Sugandhāmahāsangharājāh Dhipati Kitti Uddessa Pandita Bour Kry, His Excellency Dr. Chay Borin, Minister of Cults and Religion, His Excellencies, Her Excellencies, Conducted an inspection and review of the Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building and various achievements at Svay Pope Pagoda in its entirety, with great joy and utmost clarity.



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INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF TECO SANTHEPHEAP DORMITORY AND UNIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENTS



On Friday, May 9, 2025, the Inauguration Ceremony of Techo Santhepheap Dormitory and the celebration of recent achievements of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University took place at Svay Pope Pagoda, under the esteemed patronage of Samdech Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Her Excellency Dr. Pich Chanmony Hun Manet, in Sangkat Tonle Basac, Khan Chamkarmorn, Phnom Penh.

The ceremony commenced with an opening address by His Excellency Dr. Chay Borin, Minister of Cults and Religion, who extended warm greetings to His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch, venerable monks, distinguished guests, and all participants. In his speech, the Minister reported on recent progress within the religious and cultural sectors, emphasizing the importance of these developments in the context of national unity and education.

Following the welcome remarks, Samdech Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, delivered a keynote address. He praised His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Thipadei Bour Kry, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, for his tireless dedication and leadership, particularly in enhancing the university's infrastructure and academic standards. The Prime Minister highlighted that the newly inaugurated dormitory and educational advancements are aligned with the government's strategic framework to elevate the quality of education, foster inclusivity, and build a competent human resource base capable of contributing to Cambodia's development.

Furthermore, the Prime Minister encouraged the General Inspectorate of National Buddhist Education and the leadership of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University including monks, civil servants, lecturers, staff, and students to remain steadfast in promoting academic excellence and nurturing a "Culture of Quality." He emphasized the significance of integrating "Dharma Democracy" to develop ethical, knowledgeable, and responsible citizens. He also urged the university to continue enhancing faculty capacity, improving the quality and ethics of teaching, and promoting research initiatives to inspire and equip future generations. Importantly, he stressed the need for modernizing the academic curriculum to meet international standards and respond to technological advancements.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of medals to venerable monks, distribution of gifts to the public, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official opening of the Techo Santhepheap Dormitory and recognition of the university's achievements. The event ended with commemorative photographs alongside His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch, senior officials, university leadership, staff, and students, in an atmosphere of joy and celebration.





Community Health Initiative Enhances Well-Being in Tbong Khmum Province

On May 21, 2025, a significant community health initiative took place in Trapeang Pring Commune, located in Tbaung Khmum Province. His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheapkdey, the Head of the Royal Government Working Group and a highly esteemed representative of His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Bour Kry, the rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University and President of the Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post, led this impactful event.



The visit aimed to foster connections within the community and assess the well-being of local leaders. His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheapkdey, along with the Vice-President and members of the working group, engaged with the Chairman of the Commune Council, youth representatives, twelve village chiefs, post chiefs, the head of the health center, and numerous local officials. This gathering provided an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration, emphasizing the importance of community health and support. As part of the initiative, the team conducted health check-ups for residents and distributed essential medicines to the Trapeang Pring Health Center. The total expenditure on medicines reached \$2,500, ensuring that the health center was well-equipped to serve the community's needs.

In addition to medicines, the initiative included the provision of medical equipment, which comprised:

- 2 electric beds valued at \$1,000
- 2 patient beds worth \$400
- 5 sets of doctor and patient clothing totaling \$400
- 6 rolls of bandages priced at \$40

The total cost of medical equipment amounted to \$1,840, bringing the overall contribution to \$4,340. This comprehensive support underscores the commitment to improving healthcare facilities in the region.

In addition to healthcare support, funding of 1,700,000 Riels (approximately \$425) was allocated for the construction of a fence around the health center, enhancing security and functionality.

Furthermore, a donation of 1,000,000 Riels (around \$250) was provided to assist in constructing the house of the Bos Snaor village chief, demonstrating a commitment to community development.

Notably, benefactor Oknha Teav Bunchinda generously donated 50 solar panels, while Oknha Duch Chanreka also contributed 50 solar panels. These donations aim to promote sustainable energy solutions within the community, further enhancing the quality of life for residents. The day concluded with a celebratory atmosphere as His Excellency, the Vice-President, members of the working group, the Chairman of the Commune Council, village chiefs, post chiefs, the head of the health center, and numerous local officials gathered for a group photo. This moment captured the spirit of collaboration and joy, serving as a lasting memento of the successful initiative aimed at enhancing healthcare and community well-being in Tbaung Khmum Province. This initiative not only reflects the dedication of local leaders and officials but also highlights the importance of community engagement in fostering a healthier and more sustainable future for all residents.

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PhD Students at PSB University: Exploring Political Science and Government Subjects

At Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University (PSBU), PhD students are actively engaged in the rigorous study of Political Science and Government, a field that explores the intricacies of political systems, governance, public policy, and international relations. This advanced program aims to cultivate scholars who can contribute to academic discourse, inform public policy, and address contemporary challenges in governance. The curriculum for PhD students in Political Science and Government at PSBU is designed to provide a broad and deep understanding of various theoretical frameworks and methodologies. Students engage with core subjects such as comparative politics, political theory, international relations, and public administration. This comprehensive approach ensures that they are well-versed in both the historical context and current trends affecting political systems around the world. One of the hallmarks of the PhD program is the emphasis on original research.

Students are encouraged to pursue topics that reflect their interests and address pressing issues in the field. They have access to a wealth of resources, including libraries, databases, and research centers, to support their scholarly endeavors. The faculty, comprised of experienced scholars and practitioners, provide guidance and mentorship throughout the research process, helping students refine their research questions and methodologies. PhD candidates at PSBU engage in critical examination of significant political issues, including democracy, human rights, governance structures, and the impact of globalization. Through seminars, discussions, and collaborative projects, students analyze case studies from various countries, allowing them to draw comparisons and understand the complexities of political phenomena in different cultural contexts.



Recognizing the interconnectedness of political science with other disciplines, the program promotes an interdisciplinary approach to research and study. Students often collaborate with peers from related fields such as economics, sociology, and environmental studies, enriching their understanding of how political decisions impact various aspects of society. This holistic perspective is vital for addressing multifaceted global challenges. To bridge the gap between theory and practice, PSBU fosters connections between PhD students and policymakers, NGOs, and other stakeholders in the political arena. Guest lectures, workshops, and internships provide students with practical insights into how political theory is applied in real-world scenarios. This engagement not only enhances their academic experience but also prepares them for careers in academia, public service, and international organizations. The study of Political Science and Government at PSBU is underpinned by a commitment to social responsibility and ethical governance. PhD students are encouraged to consider the ethical implications of political decisions and to advocate for policies that promote justice, equity, and sustainability. This focus on social responsibility prepares graduates to become informed leaders who can effect positive change in their communities and beyond.

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Under the esteemed leadership of His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati BOUR KRY, Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah of Dhammayuttikanikaya of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University

Under the esteemed leadership of His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati BOUR KRY, Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah of Dhammayuttikanikaya of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, the PSBU Foundation is resolutely committed to its mission of making education accessible to students across Cambodia, particularly those residing in remote rural areas. The PSBU Foundation deeply understands the unique challenges these students face, such as geographical isolation, financial hardship, and a scarcity of educational resources. To address these issues, the PSBU Foundation is dedicated to empowering these students to realize their aspirations of pursuing higher education. The Foundation plans to implement a series of transformative initiatives aimed at enhancing educational access for students in rural communities. A primary endeavor is the deployment of English language teachers to remote regions, providing crucial language skills necessary for academic and professional success in an increasingly globalized world. In addition to language education, the Foundation will distribute essential school supplies, including bags, books, stationery, and other learning tools, to ensure students are well-equipped to thrive in their studies. Beyond the provision of material resources, the PSBU Foundation is committed to fostering inspiration and mentorship within these communities. Native speakers and educators will travel to rural villages to offer guidance, encouragement, and firsthand learning experiences. These interactions are designed to motivate students to pursue their educational journeys. The Foundation's efforts extend beyond immediate educational support; they are part of a broader vision to create sustainable positive change in the rural regions of Cambodia. By expanding educational opportunities, the PSBU Foundation aims to break the cycle of poverty and disenfranchisement, contributing to long-term community development and economic empowerment.

The Foundation's initiatives not only uplift individual students but also strengthen families, villages, and entire communities.



At its core, the PSBU Foundation's commitment to equity and empowerment through education is clearly demonstrated through its investment in rural education. By providing critical resources, mentorship, and support, the Foundation is creating a profound positive impact across Cambodia. The Foundation ensures that education serves as a tool for breaking down barriers, creating opportunities, and fostering a brighter future for all. The PSBU Foundation is strongly dedicated to promoting equality in access to education, especially for ethnic minority groups in Cambodia, with a particular focus on those living in rural and remote areas. Education is a powerful instrument for social and economic mobility, and the Foundation believes that every individual, regardless of their background or location, should have the chance to achieve their full potential. By focusing on these populations, the Foundation aims to eliminate obstacles and create a more equitable society where every individual can pursue their dreams and contribute to their communities. International projects under the PSBU Foundation align with this mission by working to improve higher education systems in Sri Lanka and create opportunities for diverse individuals to pursue advanced studies. These initiatives are designed to foster career development and empower individuals to transform their lives through education. Whether in Cambodia or abroad, the primary goal is to provide equal educational opportunities and uplift communities through education.

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