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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!

Rector's Message

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University



H.H. Samdech Preah Abhisiri
SugandhaMahasangharajah
Dhipati **BOUR KRY** Samdech
Preah Mahasangharajah of
Dhammayuttikanikaya of
The Kingdom of Cambodia



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 Sdechpheapkdey

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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A MEETING OF FAITHS: THE GREAT SUPREME PATRIARCH OF CAMBODIA MEETS THE APOSTOLIC VICAR OF PHNOM PENH



On the morning of Friday, August 15, 2025, at the Theva Vinichhay Temple Hall, His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah of Dhammayuttikanikaya of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, granted an audience to His Excellency Olivier Schmitthaeusler, Apostolic Vicar of Phnom Penh. His Excellency Schmitthaeusler paid a courtesy visit and invited His Holiness to attend the episcopal ordination ceremony for Bishop Silas Suon Hangsly, his Coadjutor Bishop. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at the Catholic Center of the Apostolic Vicariate of Phnom Penh (Phnom Penh Thmey). During the meeting, His Excellency Schmitthaeusler outlined two main goals:

- To promote the 8th International Interreligious Dialogue Workshop between Buddhism and Christianity, themed "Working Together to Sustain Religious Harmony with Resilience."
- To invite His Holiness to the episcopal ordination ceremony for Bishop Silas Suon Hangsly.

His Holiness was delighted with the proposal, warmly receiving it with compassion and goodwill. He stated that:

- Buddhism and Christianity share a good relationship that contributes to harmony in Cambodia.
- It is essential to foster deep and lasting unity between the two religions.
- He recalled his very close and friendly history with His Excellency Schmitthaeusler from 15 years ago.



His Excellency Schmitthaeusler also presented a copy of the book from the 8th International Interreligious Dialogue between Buddhism and Christianity to His Holiness. The book, on the theme of "Working Together to Sustain Religious Harmony with Resilience," was placed in the Techo Santepheap Library as a memento.

Following the meeting, His Holiness Bour Kry, accompanied by His Excellency Schmitthaeusler and other senior monks and officials, toured several facilities at Wat Svay Pope. The tour included the nine-story Somdech Preah Moha Sangreach Bour Kry educational building, the three-story Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen educational building, the health center named after His Royal Highness Preah Moha Sangreach Bour Kry Preah Karuna Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, and the Samdech Techo Santepheap dormitory.

During the tour, His Holiness and His Excellency discussed the progress and harmony of religious beliefs, practices, education, healthcare, and cooperation between the two faiths. They stressed the importance of promoting both religions in a sustainable, inclusive, and vibrant way in Cambodia, in line with the government's Pentagonal Strategy under the wise leadership of Prime Minister Hun Manet.



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SUPREME PATRIARCH HIS HOLINESS SAMDECH PREAH ABHISIRI SUGANDHA MAHASANGHARAJAH DHIPATI BOUR KRY BESTOWS ROYAL GIFTS ON MANAGEMENT, MONASTIC OFFICIALS, CIVIL SERVANTS, MEDICAL TEAMS, WORKING GROUPS, AND STUDENTS AT THE TECO SANTIPHEAP DORMITORY



On the afternoon of Thursday, August 21, 2025, Supreme Patriarch Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Bour Kry, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University and Chairman of the Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni and His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, a personal advisor to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Secretary of State for Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, as well as other excellencies, bestowed and distributed gifts to the management committee, civil servants, medical teams, working groups, and students residing in the Techo Santipheap Dormitory. During his royal address, the Supreme Patriarch delivered a profound message, emphasizing three key points:

1. On Compassion: He stated that human beings survive through food and compassion. A compassionate heart is ever-fresh, like the unwavering love of parents for their children, or the dedicated kindness of teachers who seek to cultivate knowledge in their students to help them become valuable human capital for society. He added that when a society is compassionate towards its people, peace and happiness will prevail.
2. On Gratitude: He stressed the importance of gratitude towards benefactors. As human beings, we must be grateful and repay the kindness shown to us by our parents, teachers, and all philanthropists.

3. On Social Virtues (Sangkha Dhamma):

He explained that we must practice the four social virtues (Sangkha Dhamma) taught by the Buddha. These virtues are essential for a harmonious society and for helping one another, as we cannot live alone. The four virtues are:

- Dana: The act of giving or sharing, whether through material donations or by spreading happiness to others.
- Piyavaca: The use of kind, pleasant, and loving speech that is delightful to hear.
- Atthachariya: Conducting oneself in a way that brings benefit to both oneself and others.
- Samanattata: Maintaining an equal, honest, and humble demeanor, which earns the respect of others.

Following his address, the highly revered Supreme Patriarch graciously presented gifts to a total of 281 monks and individuals. Each person received a 25kg bag of rice, a box of instant noodles, and a cash donation of 20,000 Riels.

The Supreme Patriarch then proceeded to inspect the Techo Santipheap Dormitory building, accompanied by His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, other officials, and the students residing there, all expressing their utmost faith and devotion.



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MR. KHIM DARATH HOSTS SAMUEL ANG, THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR ASIA AT QUACQUARELLI SYMONDS (QS)

On Tuesday morning, August 26, 2025, Mr. Khim Darath, Head of the Office of International Relations and Permanent Vice President of the Graduate School at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, hosted a visit by Mr. Samuel Ang, the Regional Director (Asia) of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) from Singapore.

Representing His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheapkey, an advisor to Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet and Secretary of State for the Ministry of Cults and Religion, Mr. Khim Darath, along with Venerable Sam Sovasna, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, led the university's management and officials in welcoming the guest.

During their meeting, Mr. Darath and Mr. Ang discussed cooperation to strengthen their partnership and improve the quality of education at the university to meet international standards. Mr. Darath presented the university's vision, mission, history, and achievements in its three main areas of service: education, healthcare, and social welfare for monks, students, and underprivileged citizens. He highlighted the leadership of His Holiness Bour Kry and the university's alignment with the policies of the Royal Government's 7th mandate, led by Prime Minister Hun Manet.



The delegation then toured the university's facilities, including:

- The Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni
- The King Norodom Sihanouk Study Building
- The Samdech Preah Moha Sangkreach Bour Kry Study Building
- The Samdech Akka Moha Sena Techo Hun Sen Study Building
- The Techo Santepheap Dormitory
- The Techo Santepheap Library
- The university's administrative offices
- The One-Window Services

The seven departments, which include Khmer Literature, Philosophy, Law, Education, General Management, Computer Science, and English Language Teaching.

The visit concluded with a group photo, marking a positive step toward strengthening cooperation and enhancing the quality of education at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University to align with global standards.



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COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (ASIA) AND PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP TO ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL QUALITY TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS



On Wednesday, August 27, 2025, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheapkdey, a personal advisor to Prime Minister Hun Manet and Secretary of State for the Ministry of Cult and Religion, in his capacity as the representative of the university's Chancellor, His Holiness Bour Kry, led the management and officials in a meeting and discussion with Mr. Samuel Ang from Singapore, the Regional Director (Asia) of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). The meeting, held in the His Holiness Bour Kry Meeting Hall, focused on increasing cooperation to enhance the university's educational quality in line with international standards.



The discussion centered on reinforcing the potential of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, which is highly committed to developing human resources and strengthening educational quality from undergraduate to doctoral levels. The university's chancellor has implemented strategic development plans, including drafting relevant laws and regulations, and creating numerous new majors to help the institution progress and gain recognition for its educational quality both regionally and globally.

In the context of national economic development, PSBU plays a crucial role in developing human resources with knowledge, skills, and high ethical standards to contribute to sustainable social and economic development. Its goal is to alleviate poverty and achieve its millennium development goals. Becoming a full member of QS is a vital step for the university to align with international standards, ensuring high-quality education, strengthening its educational policies, expanding its international presence, and guaranteeing that its academic programs are globally validated and transparent.

Through its full membership with QS, PSBU is highly committed to developing quality education and collaborating with various international partners. The university also has a long-term vision to build a close relationship with QS to strengthen the quality of education for its students and provide a broader, higher-quality education both regionally and internationally.



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MR. KHIM DARATH LEADS MEETING ON THE 2025 ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM



On Wednesday, September 3, 2025, Mr. Khim Darath, Head of the Office of International Relations and Permanent Vice President of the Postgraduate School at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, chaired a meeting to discuss the "2025 Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University College Entrepreneurial Business Model Competition." He represented His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, personal advisor to Prime Minister Hun Manet and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion, who is in charge of the university.



The meeting began with Mr. Kong Sophy presenting the agenda, which covered three main topics: 1. Preparation for the competition day: 1. This included organizing the Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University College Entrepreneurial Business Model Competition. 2. Competition process: This outlined the operational procedures for the event. 3. Roles and responsibilities: This defined the duties of the evaluation committee and assistant trainers.

Mr. Khim Darath emphasized that in today's competitive world, it is crucial to create and develop new businesses to solve economic problems for individuals, families, communities, and the nation. He stressed the importance of training and encouraging students to develop innovative and practical business ideas. He announced that the competition will be held from September 8–11, 2025, and will be divided into three key stages: university, national, and international.



The meeting, attended by administrators and officials, focused on the launch of the competition, which is set to begin on Monday, September 8, 2025. Other notable attendees included Dr. Khat Bora, Director General of Christina's Beauty School and a professor at the university, as well as Mr. Kong Sophy, Head of the university's Entrepreneurship Project. The evaluation committee, assistant trainers, and eight other team members from the Office of International Relations were also present.



Mr. Darath also highlighted that this event marks a new milestone for the university, aiming to instill business knowledge and entrepreneurial skills in students. The competition will provide a platform for students to: Learn entrepreneurial skills, Present creative business ideas, build networks with students, professors, and entrepreneurial experts, Connect with investors and business owners. Dr. Khat Bora provided a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the evaluation committee and assistant trainers. He outlined the key stages of the competition:

1. Application: Announcing the project and receiving student applications.
2. Training: Providing instruction on Business Plans, Marketing Strategy, and creating quality products and services.
3. Exhibition: All teams will showcase their business ideas and products.
4. Evaluation: The committee will assess submissions based on criteria such as innovation, practicality, outcomes, and social benefits.

The meeting concluded at 10:30 AM, successfully finalizing the agenda and preparations for the upcoming "2025 Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University College Entrepreneurial Business Model Competition."

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PSBU Unipreneur Business Model Competition 2025 at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University



On September 8, 2025, His Excellency Nguon Sdechpheakdey, Personal Advisor to Samdech Moha Bovor Tipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Secretary of State of Ministry of Cult and Religion in Charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University under the auspices of His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Bour Kry, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja University and President of Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni, together with Ms. Kreech Sreyneang, an expert in entrepreneurship and innovation at Khmer Enterprises and representative of Cambodian entrepreneurs, presided over the opening ceremony of PSBU Unipreneur Business Model Competition 2025 at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. The event took place at Vimean Santepeh Hall with the participation of university management, leadership, professors, officials, lecturers evaluation committee members, mentors, distinguished speakers, and students of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

To begin the ceremony, Mr. Khim Darath, Head of International Relations Office and Permanent Deputy President of Postgraduate School of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, delivered a welcome speech and presented a report on the "of PSBU Unipreneur Business Model Competition 2025" at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, with the following key points:

(1) The student participants included 130 students from General Management major, divided into teams of 5 members each. (2) The program was divided into three stages: A – September 8–11, 2025, training and business idea presentations; B – October 1, 2025, semi-final round to select 10 teams; C – October 2–3, 2025, final round to select 3 winning teams. (3) Prizes awarded included: A – the first-place team received \$900 in funding to support their business venture; B – the second-place team received \$700; and C – the third-place team received \$500. Mr. Khim Darath also mentioned the expected outcomes of the program: (1) students will gain courage and creativity in generating and publicly presenting business ideas; (2) students will gain access to public business networks; (3) students will be able to compete with teams from other universities; and (4) the university's entrepreneurship teams will be strengthened and prepared to compete at the national level. He further stated that this event marks the first entrepreneurship business model competition organized by Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, in collaboration with Khmer Enterprises and the Department of General Management of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

After the remarks and reports, His Excellency Nguon Sdechpheakdey delivered a keynote address, stressing that business ideas are not merely for competition but represent an important step in the broader vision of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University to promote entrepreneurship and creativity among students through this training program. His Excellency highlighted several key benefits of the program: (1) encouraging students to be brave, to think creatively, and to initiate their own business ventures; (2) providing opportunities for students to develop by learning about business operations, market analysis, business ideation, and teamwork; and (3) giving students the chance to learn and gain experience from trainers and guest speakers with expertise in the business field. Additionally, His Excellency Nguon Sdechpheakdey reiterated that the main objective of this training program is to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset among students of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. He also emphasized that promoting entrepreneurship supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 4 – Quality Education, Goal 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth, and Goal 9 – Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure.

In conclusion, His Excellency Nguon Sdechpheakdey, Ms. Kreech Sreyneang, together with university administration, leadership, professors, honorary guest speakers, evaluation committee members, and mentors, officially opened the "PSBU Unipreneur Business Model Competition 2025 at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University" at Santepeh Hall located in 3th floor at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University in a joyful and celebratory atmosphere



Following that, Ms. Kreech Sreyneang delivered remarks and presented a report from Khmer Enterprises, which included: (1) Khmer Enterprises focuses on four sectors: A – information technology; B – agriculture; C – services; and D – manufacturing. (2) Four core program initiatives include: A – promoting an entrepreneurial culture; B – entrepreneurship development programs; C – building business networks; and D – market and financial access. (3) Over the past five years, Khmer Enterprises has implemented 403 entrepreneurship-related programs. Ms. Kreech Sreyneang emphasized that Khmer Enterprises was established five years ago and has actively contributed to the development of Cambodia's entrepreneurial ecosystem.



On the morning of Monday, September 8, 2025, Dr. Khat Bora, Director of the Cristina School of Aesthetics and a professor at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, gave a presentation on business model concepts to students. The presentation was part of the "2025 Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University College Entrepreneur Business Model Competition."

Over the four-day period, Dr. Khat Bora presented on the following topics: Problem identification, Solution development, Customer analysis, Competitor analysis, SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats), Business concept planning using the SCAMPER method, The 4Ps of marketing strategy, Business models, Product and prototype development, Analysis and identification of business resources, Revenue streams and budget planning, Business plans, A mock business model competition.

Furthermore, Dr. Bora stressed that entrepreneurs must have a clear understanding of their revenue sources and how to generate income. He highlighted several key concepts:

- Additionally, Dr. Khat Bora clarified the four key elements of a business plan: 1-Problems and solutions, 2-Market targets and value propositions, 3-Business model presentation, and 4-Key points and indicators for measurement.

A man in a blue suit and purple tie is speaking into a microphone. He is looking slightly to his left. In the background, there are yellow curtains and other people, including a woman in a blue shirt and a man in a light blue shirt.



OLIVIER MICHEL MARIE SCHMITTHAEUSLER PAID A RESPECTFUL COURTESY VISIT TO HIS HOLINESS SAMDECH PREAH MAHASANGHARAJAH **BOUR KRY**

On September 9, 2025, His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Bour Kry, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University and President of Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni, graciously received Olivier Michel Marie Schmitthaeusler, Apostolic Vicar of the Catholic Church in Phnom Penh, who came to pay a respectful courtesy visit at Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni.

During this meaningful occasion, His Holiness Bour Kry and the Bishop engaged in a cordial discussion focused on several key topics: (1) strengthening the relationship between Buddhism and the Catholic community in Cambodia; (2) reinforcing interreligious harmony; (3) promoting cultural, faith-based, and religious exchanges; and (4) collaboration in the areas of education and healthcare. In addition, the bishop presented a donation of \$5,000 USD to His Holiness Bour Kry for purchase of medicine and medical supplies for treating underprivileged patients, and to support the operations of Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni.

Furthermore, the Bishop recalled his long-standing and warm personal relationship with His Holiness Bour Kry, which has always been marked by mutual respect and deep affection. The two also discussed the broader context of interreligious harmony, emphasizing mutual respect among all religions, non-discrimination, and peaceful coexistence. They highlighted the role of interfaith dialogue in building friendships, fostering solidarity, and promoting harmony through the universal principles of humanity, ethics, the four sublime states (brahmavihāra), and the four bases of social harmony (sanghahavatthu) as a foundation for peace and development.

His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Bour Kry particularly emphasized that religious wars are a tragic and destructive force that should never be allowed to happen in human society. He further recalled with appreciation the contributions of Catholic monks who had offered humanitarian aid and support to displaced people during the difficult period of the Cambodian–Thai conflict along the border, exemplifying acts of compassion and moral responsibility in times of hardship.

The bishop also expressed his heartfelt admiration at seeing Buddhism and Christianity Walk side by side, forming a shared moral force and collective movement to sustain and strengthen Cambodia’s lasting peace. In conclusion, both His Holiness and the Bishop exchanged views on enhancing and expanding interreligious cooperation, with a focus on strengthening the relationship between Buddhism and the Catholic community in Cambodia, maintaining interreligious harmony, promoting cultural and religious exchanges, and advancing efforts in education and healthcare.

His Holiness Bour Kry encouraged the bishop to continue building a close and strong interreligious partnership between the two faith communities.



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IMPROVING COMMUNICATION SKILLS: A PRESENTATION BY DR. STEVE COCHRANE



On Saturday, September 13, 2025, Dr. Steve Cochrane led a two-day international training program on improving communication skills. During his presentation on "Public Speaking," he covered four main topics: The definition of language, public communication methods, learning new skills, studying the English language. Dr. Cochrane highlighted that communication isn't just about what you say; it's also about your body language and emotions. In fact, he emphasized that body language is often more important than spoken words. He shared a breakdown of communication percentages: Body language: over 50%, Emotion and tone of voice: 40%, Grammar: 10%, Vocabulary and sound: less than 10%. Throughout his talk, Dr. Cochrane urged students to embrace learning new skills to grow personally and stay relevant in an evolving world. He stressed that this process requires time, patience, and practice. While mistakes are inevitable, he encouraged everyone to learn from them and use them as opportunities for improvement. "Don't be afraid to learn from your mistakes and enjoy learning new things," he advised. To conclude the training, Dr. Cochrane shifted from theory to practice. He shared effective methods for studying English and then guided students through their own English-language presentations. This hands-on experience allowed participants to immediately apply the public speaking techniques they had just learned. By the end of the two-day program, students left with more than just knowledge. They had sharpened their public speaking abilities, improved their English skills, and were newly inspired to continue their journey of lifelong learning.

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HIS EXCELLENCY NGOUN SDECHPHEAKDEY AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS PAY HOMAGE TO HIS HOLINESS SAMDACH BOUR KRY

On the morning of Sunday, September 14, 2025, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Personal Advisor to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Secretary of State for the Ministry of Cult and Religion in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, along with Dr. Sea Ith, Director of the Department of Standards and Educational Quality Assurance, representing the Accreditation Committee of Cambodia (ACC), led a delegation of management, civil servants, and international partners to pay homage to His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Great Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayuttika Nikaya of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, at Wat Botum Vatey.



The international partners in attendance were: Mr. Sanjeewa Mahesh, PSBU International Project Director, Dr. Steve McKee from the United States, Inspector for the International Education Accreditation Council (IEAC), Asst. Prof. Dr. Karl Meneghella, PSBU International Academic Director, Dr. Steve Cochrane, PSBU International Advisor, Mr. Amirhossein Taghipour, Head of International Research Department from Iran and members of EBS Global Solutions (EBS).

During the meeting, His Holiness Bour Kry warmly welcomed the delegation and expressed his delight at the collaborative support from both national and international partners in enhancing the quality of education at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. Mr. Khim Darath, Head of the International Relations Office and Permanent Vice-Rector of the Postgraduate School, acted as the interpreter and introduced each of the international partners to His Holiness.

In his address, His Holiness expressed his great pleasure at meeting the distinguished doctors and educators from various countries. He encouraged them to continue their work in promoting education for the advancement and knowledge of humanity. He emphasized that in this world, nothing is more valuable than knowledge. "If we have everything else but no knowledge, it is equal to zero," he said. He added that no matter where one goes, knowledge is crucial, likening it to a light that illuminates life and leads to a prosperous future.

On this auspicious occasion, His Holiness graciously presented each international partner with a traditional Khmer krama scarf as a souvenir and a token of honor, acknowledging their participation in the university's educational journey. The event was filled with warmth, smiles, and a spirit of joyful camaraderie.

To conclude the meeting, His Holiness bestowed blessings upon the management, civil servants, and national and international partners, wishing them happiness and the four blessings of the Buddha: long life, good health, happiness, and strength. The event ended with a group photo, capturing the friendly and joyous atmosphere.



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INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION TEAM PRAISES PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY



On Sunday, September 15, 2025, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University hosted a delegation from the International Education Accreditation Council (IEAC) and the Accreditation Committee of Cambodia (ACC). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the IEAC's comprehensive report on the university's quality assurance. The international team included Dr. Steve McKee (USA) IEAC Inspector, H.E. Dr. Sea Ith, Director of the Department of Standards and Quality Assessment of the ACC, and an international project team led by H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheapkey, Secretary of State in Charge of PSB University. Other members included Mr. Sanjeeva Mahesh (Sri Lanka) PSBU International Project Director, Dr. Karl Meneghella (Australia) PSBU International Academic Director, Dr. Steve Cochrane (UK) PSBU International Advisor, Mr. Amirhossein Taghipour (Iran) Head of International Research Department, and a team from EBS Global Solutions (Sri Lanka).

The delegation's report highlighted three main discussion points: the quality assessment findings, the university's strengths, and recommendations for the future.



Dr. Karl Meneghella presented a detailed list of the university's strengths, which included:

- **Management:** The university's leadership was praised for its proactive approach to long-term strategy, data-driven decision-making, and open communication with students. The delegation noted the enthusiasm of leadership, the commitment of faculty, and the positive mindset of both staff and students.
- **Faculty and Staff:** The report emphasized the commitment to professional development for teachers and the strategic investment in human resources, including international staff, to support globalization.
- **Inclusivity and Community:** The university was commended for its support of underprivileged students, commitment to gender equality, and promotion of religious harmony. The team also highlighted the university's community responsibility, including collaboration on development projects and a health post that serves everyone.
- **Environment and Students:** The university's "Community-Friendly School" initiative and pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals were recognized. The report also noted strong support for students, particularly outstanding international students, through partnerships like EBS Global.



Dr. Meneghella also provided key recommendations for future development:

- **Infrastructure:** The report suggested adding recreational areas and sports equipment, developing "smart classrooms," and installing more modern facilities.
- **Internationalization:** The team recommended expanding international partnerships, particularly with EBS Global, and increasing the university's collection of e-journals and e-books.
- **Health and Safety:** Recommendations included improving accessibility in all buildings, standardizing and upgrading all bathrooms, adding more safety signage, and expanding the resources available at the campus health post.



Dr. Steve McKee, from the IEAC, shared his personal observations, noting that students were highly engaged and knowledgeable. He also praised the welcoming nature of the faculty. After his campus tour, he concluded that classrooms were well-suited for teaching, the computer lab met international standards, dormitories were appropriate for residents, and the auditorium was "excellent."

Ultimately, the university's commitment to meeting international standards resulted in a positive assessment across seven key areas:

1. Management, systems, and administrative operations.
2. Environment and health safety.
3. Teaching and learning.
4. Student welfare.
5. Curriculum.
6. Quality assurance and improvement.
7. Marketing and student recruitment.

In his closing remarks, H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheapkey expressed his sincere gratitude to the IEAC, ACC, and all international partners. He thanked them for their collaboration in elevating the quality of education at the university and helping it achieve its long-term vision.

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