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# WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF THE PSBU E-MAGAZINE



**W**elcome 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 WELCOMED AS HONORARY COMPANION OF ETHOS UNIVERSITAS: A SHARED COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University (PSBU) is deeply honoured to have been recognised as an Honorary Companion of Ethos Universitas, an international alliance dedicated to promoting ethics, integrity, and social responsibility across higher education institutions. This milestone reflects PSBU's ongoing commitment to moral leadership, educational excellence, and the advancement of knowledge that serves both individuals and society.



## SHARED VISION AND MISSION

Both PSBU and Ethos Universitas share a profound belief that education is not merely the pursuit of academic knowledge but also a moral journey towards self-awareness, compassion, and service. The foundation of PSBU, inspired by Buddhist principles, aligns seamlessly with the ethos of this distinguished network: to uphold fairness, integrity, and respect as essential elements of learning and governance.

Through this affiliation, PSBU reaffirms its dedication to nurturing graduates who think critically, act ethically, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. It also provides the University with an opportunity to collaborate globally with like-minded institutions, share experiences, and strengthen the culture of ethical reflection within academic life.



## DEVELOPING AN ETHICS-FOCUSED

In the spirit of this new partnership, PSBU is currently developing an ethics-focused curriculum that weaves moral reasoning and responsible citizenship into every field of study. The curriculum will encourage students to explore contemporary ethical challenges — from sustainability and digital responsibility to global justice and intercultural understanding — through the lens of Buddhist philosophy and modern scholarship.

By doing so, PSBU aims to prepare graduates who not only excel academically but also embody compassion, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility to humanity.



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP



PSBU continues to empower its students to become active participants in creating a just and harmonious society. A range of new student-led initiatives is being developed to promote ethical leadership, volunteerism, and service learning. Activities will include public debates, cultural exchanges, leadership workshops, and social outreach projects designed to help students translate ethical theory into action.

These initiatives strengthen the connection between academic learning and real-world experience — ensuring that PSBU students graduate not only with knowledge but also with empathy, resilience, and civic awareness.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT



PSBU's vision extends beyond the walls of the University. As part of its social mission, the institution is expanding its community outreach programmes across Cambodia. These include literacy drives, environmental awareness campaigns, rural education support, and public seminars on moral and social development.

Through these initiatives, PSBU continues to serve as a bridge between higher education and the wider community — demonstrating that universities play a vital role in advancing the welfare, understanding, and harmony of society.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT



The partnership with Ethos Universitas marks a new chapter in PSBU's international journey. It reinforces the University's goal of broadening its global connections while remaining deeply rooted in its cultural and ethical identity. PSBU aspires to extend its reach through digital

learning platforms, collaborative research, and joint educational projects that provide access to quality education for all, regardless of geographic or economic barriers.

This new affiliation is more than symbolic — it represents a shared aspiration to create an educational model grounded in ethics, inclusivity, and social purpose.

“Through our association with Ethos Universitas, PSBU continues to reaffirm its role as an institution of learning and moral guidance. Together, we aim to shape a generation of graduates who will think wisely, act compassionately, and lead with integrity.”

H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheapkdey  
Secretary of State in Charge of PSB University

# PSBU Receives Official Authorisation as an OTHM Approved Centre (United Kingdom)

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University (PSBU) is proud to announce that it has officially received authorisation as an OTHM Approved Centre, United Kingdom.



## OTHM APPROVED CENTRE



This authorisation represents a major institutional milestone for PSBU and reflects the University's strategic commitment to strengthening its academic quality assurance systems, expanding its international academic standing, and increasing access to globally recognised education pathways for students in Cambodia and the wider region.

OTHM is a UK-based awarding organisation recognised internationally for its provision of professional and higher education qualifications in key academic and industry-focused disciplines, including business management, leadership, administration, human resource management, logistics, and strategic development. OTHM qualifications are designed to meet the evolving demands of modern labour markets and provide learners with structured pathways for both professional advancement and further academic progression.

The approval of PSBU as an OTHM Centre enhances the University's capacity to broaden its academic portfolio through the delivery of internationally aligned programmes. It also supports PSBU's long-term internationalisation objectives by strengthening institutional credibility, increasing global recognition, and offering students improved opportunities for international academic mobility and career competitiveness.

Importantly, this achievement reflects PSBU's continued commitment to delivering high-quality education that meets international standards of governance, academic integrity, programme delivery, and learner support. Through the introduction of OTHM programmes, PSBU will provide students with expanded educational choices and qualifications that are internationally benchmarked and widely recognised.

PSBU is confident that this development will contribute to the advancement of higher education standards within Cambodia and further position the University as a forward-looking institution committed to global best practice.

The University looks forward to working closely with OTHM to ensure the effective implementation of these programmes and to support learners through enhanced academic pathways, professional development opportunities, and improved graduate outcomes.

# 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



**P**reah 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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## PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY BOLSTERS HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH 17TH BATCH THESIS DEFENSES



**His Excellency MEAS SAMNANG**  
Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, under the leadership of its Rector, His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, continues to play a vital role in human resource development by offering Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD programs designed to foster national growth and prosperity. From March 3 to 5, 2026, the university held the thesis defense ceremony for its 17th batch of undergraduate students for the 2025–2026 academic year. The event was presided over by His Excellency Meas Samnang, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion, representing Minister Chay Borin, alongside university management, professors, and monk-students. During the proceedings, PSBU Vice-Rector Kan Sokhom highlighted that the university's recent academic achievements align closely with the Royal Government of Cambodia's "Pentagonal Strategy Phase 1," which prioritizes the development of high-quality, ethical human capital.



He noted that the success of the thesis defenses stems from strict adherence to the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport's standards, as well as guidance from the Ministry of Cult and Religion to modernize Buddhist education. By blending social sciences with Buddhist studies and research, the university aims to serve the core interests of the nation, religion, and the monarchy. In his keynote address, H.E. Meas Samnang encouraged students to leverage their skills, work experience, and morality to become essential "cells" of the nation's socio-economic fabric. He emphasized that under the leadership of His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, PSBU has become a crucial training ground for both monks and secular students to gain knowledge in Buddhism and secular fields, thereby preserving Cambodia's unique culture and national identity. This mission directly supports the government's top priority of human capital development. Currently,

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University provides undergraduate training in seven key majors: Law, General Management, Computer Science, English Language Teaching, Khmer Literature, Education Science, and Philosophy, with a total enrollment of over 2,700 students. For this 17th generation, a total of 275 students (including monks) defended their theses across six specializations. Since its inception, the university has successfully graduated 16 generations of Bachelor's degree holders, totaling 2,026 alumni who are now contributing to various sectors across the country.





## H.E. NGOUN SDECHPHEAKDEY INSPECTS BANGHEUR KHLAENG PRIMARY SCHOOL TO PREPARE FOR UPCOMING INAUGURATION CEREMONY



On the afternoon of March 4, 2026, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Chairman of the Royal Government Working Group for Trapeang Pring Commune, accompanied by his wife, led a delegation to inspect the site and school buildings of Bangheur Khlaeng Primary School. Located in Bangheur Khlaeng Village, Dambae District, the inspection was conducted in collaboration with local authorities, school principals, and teachers to ensure the venue is fully prepared for an upcoming official ceremony. The primary purpose of the visit was to assess the condition of the campus, the surrounding environment, and general organizational order for the inauguration of a new five-room school building. This landmark event, scheduled for March 8, 2026, will be held under the high presidency of His Holiness Samdech Preah Mahasangharajah Bour Kry, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University and Chairman of the Samdach Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni. During the inspection, H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheakdey instructed all relevant working groups to prioritize safety, hygiene, and efficient coordination. He emphasized the importance of a well-organized reception for the presiding dignitaries, students, and local residents to ensure that the ceremony proceeds smoothly and in accordance with the planned schedule.





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## HIS HOLINESS SAMDECH PREAH ABHISIRI SUGANDHA MAHASANGHARAJAH DHIPATI BOUR KRY INAUGURATES NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN TBOUNG KHMUM



On the morning of March 8, 2026, His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, the Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayuttika Nikaya of Cambodia and Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, presided over the official inauguration of a new five-room school building and several infrastructure achievements at Bangheur Khlaing Primary School in Tamber District. The ceremony was attended by high-ranking officials, including H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion in Charge of PSB University representing Minister H.E. Dr. Chay Borin, and H.E. Kun Rathmony, Deputy Governor of Tboung Khmum. District Governor, Sok Sarith reported that the new facilities, valued at approximately \$94,550 were made possible through the dedicated efforts of the government working group and generous philanthropists.

This development was hailed as a vital step in strengthening local education and human resource development, aligning with the national priority of building a high-quality foundation for the next generation. During the auspicious event, the Supreme Patriarch expressed his profound joy, emphasizing that the construction of schools is the most significant investment a nation can make. He remarked that such institutions serve as the breeding ground for "quality seeds" and the strong pillars of society who will eventually lead and protect the nation with morality and professional ethics. His Holiness further noted that these achievements are a direct result of the effective implementation of the Royal Government's Pentagonal Strategy,



spearheaded by Prime Minister Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet and supported by Samdech Techo Hun Sen, President of the Senate. The occasion was marked by the bestowing of Royal Medals of Merit upon donors and officials, alongside a generous distribution of educational supplies; including over 1,300 books, pens, and rulers; and monetary gifts to students, teachers, and local security forces. Additionally, a further \$15,000 was contributed by donors for the construction of a new refectory at Trapeang Pring Pagoda, further solidifying the partnership between the state, the clergy, and the community.



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## PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS LECTURE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING MASTERY AND EXPERIENCE SHARING



On Friday, March 6, 2026, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University organized a high-level lecture titled "Sharing Methods and Experiences in Public Speaking." The event was presided over by H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheapdey, Personal Advisor to Prime Minister Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion in charge of PSB University. The session featured H.E. Pen Vibol, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion, as the keynote speaker, drawing a large audience of monastic and lay faculty, staff, and students eager to refine their communication skills. In a comprehensive presentation, H.E. Pen Vibol underscored that public speaking is a foundational skill essential for success in academia, professional careers, and social leadership. He provided in-depth technical insights, focusing on the strategic planning and structural organization of speeches to ensure clarity and impact. The lecture covered essential delivery techniques, including vocal training for better resonance, the effective use of body language, facial expressions, and maintaining eye contact to build trust with an audience. Furthermore, the keynote speaker shared practical strategies for managing anxiety and overcoming the "stage fright" often associated with public addresses, while -standard presentation slides. The session concluded with an inspiring call to action, as H.E. Pen Vibol encouraged all students and monk-students to continuously develop their

personal capacities to become high-quality human resources for the nation. By hosting this event, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University reaffirms its commitment to holistic education; ensuring that students gain not only theoretical knowledge but also the professional communication and leadership skills necessary to drive Cambodia's future development. This lecture served as a vital platform for students to gain the confidence needed to present their ideas effectively and professionally on a global stage.





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## PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY SIGNS MOU TO IMPLEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (EEP)



On the morning of March 12, 2026, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University entered into a strategic partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Cambodia-ASEAN Education Development Association (CAEDA), the Advocacy and Policy Institute (API), and Mlop Baitong. The signing ceremony was presided over by H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Personal Advisor to Prime Minister Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion, representing the Supreme Patriarch Bour Kry. He was joined by Mr. Sam Sophal of CAEDA, Mr. Lam Socheat, Executive Director of API, and Mr. Va Moeung, Technical Advisor of Mlop Baitong. This collaboration focuses on the implementation of the Environmental Education Program (EEP) under the "ASEAN Solidarity and Sustainability Partnership between Youth, Civil Society, and Member States" (A-SASSY) project. Through this four-party agreement, the institutions aim to collectively enhance environmental awareness and promote sustainable development. The initiative will focus on mainstreaming knowledge regarding natural resource conservation, waste management, pollution reduction, efficient resource utilization, and climate change mitigation.

Speaking at the event, H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheakdey expressed his full support for the collaboration, emphasizing that fostering environmental consciousness is essential for developing human resources who are actively committed to protecting the planet. He noted that this new partnership is a significant addition to the university's history of national and international cooperation, further strengthening its role in environmental advocacy and ensuring a greener, more sustainable future for the next generation.





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## TRAINING WORKSHOP ON "ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND E-LEARNING"



environmental awareness into practical action. Key topics discussed included biodiversity preservation, sustainable food systems, and the far-reaching impacts of global climate change. Furthermore, the speakers highlighted the principles of the Green Economy and Circular Economy as essential frameworks for sustainable social development and efficient natural resource management. As a result of this session, the participating trainers are now empowered with the professional skills necessary to lead sustainable development initiatives and inspire active youth participation in protecting and preserving the environment.



On the morning of March 12, 2026, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, in collaboration with the Advocacy and Policy Institute (API) and Mlop Baitong, hosted a specialized training workshop titled "Environmental Education, Climate Change, and E-Learning." Held at the Independence Monument Hall, the session featured keynote speakers Dr. Som Chanthy, Technical Advisor for the NAP Project, and Mr. Va Moeung, Technical Advisor for Mlop Baitong. The event drew participation from teachers and representatives across 17 universities, institutes, and partner organizations, all gathered to strengthen the link between academic instruction and environmental conservation. The primary objective of this training was to foster environmental stewardship by equipping master trainers with the knowledge to educate students and community youth on climate resilience. Utilizing modern technological methods and e-learning platforms, the workshop focused on mainstreaming





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## PSBU STUDENTS DEEPEN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES THROUGH ADVANCED STUDIES IN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION



At Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University, both monastic and lay students; including those enrolled in the university's prestigious international scholarship programs; are currently engaged in an intensive and highly interactive curriculum focused on the study of Culture and Civilization. This core academic subject is designed to fortify students' understanding of the origins, evolution, and fundamental values of both national Cambodian culture and broader human civilizations, while simultaneously sharpening their comparative analytical skills within the context of 21st-century globalization. Throughout the course, students delve into the theoretical foundations of cultural identity, traditional customs, religion, arts, and architecture, examining the major civilizations of Asia and the world. A particular emphasis is placed on the pivotal role of Buddhism in fostering ethical societies and social harmony, as well as the historical and contemporary influence of Khmer culture within regional civilizations. The program transcends traditional rote learning by integrating a robust practical component that enhances research capabilities, document analysis, and public presentation skills. Students are actively encouraged to conduct in-depth case studies on cultural heritage and the multifaceted challenges of preservation in the modern era. Through spirited group discussions and critical debates, the curriculum challenges students to bridge the gap between historical legacy and contemporary societal needs. By fostering a deep sense of professional perspective and analytical thinking, PSBU is successfully preparing a new generation of scholars who are not only well-versed in their own heritage but are also equipped to engage thoughtfully with the diverse cultural landscapes of the global community.



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## THE WEEKLY FLAG CEREMONY AT PSB UNIVERSITY



In a profound display of civic duty and spiritual harmony, the leadership, faculty, and student body of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University gather every week to perform the ceremonial salutation of the National Flag of the Kingdom of Cambodia. This recurring tradition serves as a powerful bridge between the university's academic mission and its patriotic soul, bringing together a diverse assembly of monastic and lay students, distinguished professors, and university officials. Standing in unified rows beneath the vibrant blue, red, and white of the Cambodian colors, the community transcends individual study to honor a shared Khmer identity. This ceremony is far more than a formal requirement; it is a cornerstone of PSBU's foundational philosophy: to cultivate "Mercy, Consciousness, and Intelligence." As the university rapidly expands its international reach and digital capabilities, these traditional gatherings remain the institution's "moral anchor." Leadership emphasizes that while students are prepared to be globally competitive, they must remain firmly rooted in the soil of their heritage. The weekly ceremony acts as a visual testament to this balance, signaling to the public and the international community that academic excellence and national devotion are inseparable. As the final notes of the anthem fade, students return to their research and Dharma studies with a renewed sense of purpose: to transform their education into a legacy of eternal prosperity and peace for the Kingdom.





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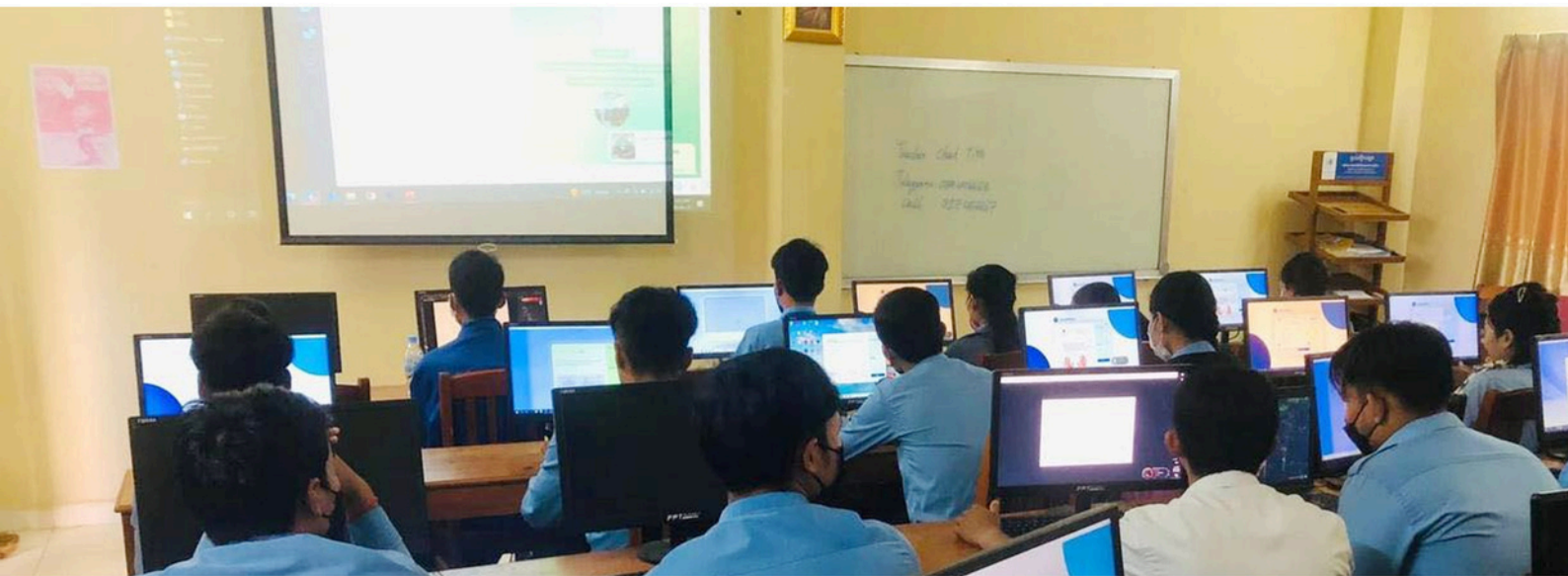
## PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY CONDUCTS MASTER'S DEGREE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS FOR 2025-2026



Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University recently organized the entrance examinations for monastic and lay students seeking admission to its Master's degree programs for the 2025–2026 academic year. The proceedings were held under the high presidency of H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheapkdey, Personal Advisor to Prime Minister Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion in charge of PSBU. The event was attended by distinguished leaders and senior officials, including H.E. Meas Samnang, representing Minister H.E. Dr. Chay Borin; H.E. Lao Chhiv Eav, Undersecretary of State representing the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport; and Venerable Dr. Sok Bunthoeun, Head of Higher and Post-Graduate Buddhist Education. More than 600 candidates, including both monks and laypeople, participated in the examinations with a strong spirit of dedication to pursuing higher academic excellence. During the session, H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheapkdey delivered an encouraging address, urging all candidates to complete their exams with integrity, discipline, and honesty to ensure that the results reflect their true capabilities. He emphasized that postgraduate education plays a vital role in developing human resources with profound knowledge, analytical skills, and research expertise; qualities essential for the sustainable development of Cambodia's religious, cultural, and social sectors. Furthermore, the leadership and the organizing committee ensured that the examination process was conducted smoothly, transparently, and in accordance with strict educational standards. This entrance examination is not only a milestone for individual academic growth but also a significant contribution to elevating the quality of Buddhist higher education in Cambodia by cultivating ethical and highly skilled intellectuals.



## DIGITAL INNOVATION AT PSB UNIVERSITY: IT STUDENTS BRIDGE ANCIENT WISDOM AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY



At Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, students within the Faculty of Information Technology are currently spearheading a transformative movement that harmonizes traditional Buddhist values with cutting-edge digital skills. Utilizing the recently inaugurated IT Center; a state-of-the-art facility equipped with advanced computing infrastructure; both monk and lay students are actively engaged in diverse academic projects ranging from software development and cybersecurity to digital ethics. A core focus of their current activity involves the ambitious Buddhist Digital Archiving Project, where students apply modern database management and scanning technologies to preserve and catalog ancient Khmer palm-leaf manuscripts. This initiative not only protects Cambodia's rich spiritual heritage from physical decay but also ensures these sacred texts are accessible to a global audience through digital

platforms. Beyond technical coding and hardware maintenance, the student body is heavily involved in the PSBU Unipreneur initiative, collaborating across faculties to design tech-based solutions for social challenges. These activities include developing educational mobile applications for rural communities and exploring the ethical implications of Artificial Intelligence through the lens of Buddhist philosophy. By participating in regular "Tech for Social Harmony" workshops and preparing for upcoming international innovation forums, PSBU IT students are positioning themselves as a unique breed of digital leaders. They are proving that the path to Cambodia's digital future is paved with both technical proficiency and a deep-rooted commitment to social responsibility, ensuring that technological progress remains grounded in human compassion.



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## HIS HOLINESS SAMDECH PREAH MAHASANGHARAJAH BOUR KRY RECEIVES COURTESY CALL FROM JAPANESE MONK OTANI KOKEN



His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Kittidesapandita Bour Kry, the Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayuttika Nikaya of Cambodia and Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, recently granted a royal audience to Venerable Otani Koken, President of the Jodoshinshu Higashihonganjiha Honzan Higashihonganji sect from Tokyo, Japan. The meeting, which included a high-level delegation, served as a platform for a courtesy call and formal discussions regarding the advancement of Buddhist affairs and educational cooperation at PSB University. During the cordial exchange, His Holiness expressed his warm welcome and deep gratitude to Venerable Otani Koken and his delegation for visiting the Kingdom to strengthen the ties between the Buddhist communities of both nations. His Holiness emphasized that Buddhism plays a pivotal role in spiritual guidance and human resource development, rooted in virtue, morality, and wisdom. He further noted that Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University remains committed to enhancing educational quality and expanding international partnerships to preserve and promote Buddhist teachings for future generations. In response, Venerable Otani Koken expressed his profound respect and admiration for the progress of Buddhist education in Cambodia. He specifically lauded the university's role in cultivating monks and students into ethical, knowledgeable, and capable human resources for national development. Expressing a strong desire to deepen collaboration, the Japanese delegation proposed increasing academic exchanges, joint research initiatives, and shared educational activities between the Buddhist institutions of Cambodia and Japan. The discussions concluded with a mutual focus on elevating cooperation in the fields of Buddhism, culture, and education. Both parties viewed this meeting as a significant milestone in strengthening international friendship and developing the Buddhist sector. The atmosphere remained one of mutual respect and understanding, signaling a robust partnership that promises to open new opportunities for educational and spiritual growth between the two countries.

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## THE PSBU STATIONERY STORE ENHANCES STUDENT LIFE AND AFFORDABILITY



The Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University Stationery Store has been strategically established as a vital campus resource dedicated to streamlining the academic journeys of both monastic and lay students. Designed with the core mission of fostering convenience, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness, the store serves as a comprehensive hub for all essential learning tools, ranging from standard notebooks, pens, and drafting instruments to specialized office supplies, university-branded apparel, and printing services. By meticulously selecting high-quality products tailored to the diverse needs of various academic majors, the university ensures that students have immediate access to the instruments of their success without the burden of premium pricing. Beyond its role as a retail outlet, the Stationery Store functions as a critical public service institution within the university grounds, significantly reducing the time and financial costs students would otherwise incur traveling to external vendors. This onsite accessibility allows scholars to maintain a steadfast focus on their research and academic activities, minimizing daily distractions. Operating under the guiding principles of integrity and social responsibility, the store maintains a fair and transparent pricing model that reflects Buddhist values of balance and mutual support. By prioritizing student welfare over profit, the PSBU Stationery Store stands as a testament to the university's holistic approach to education, creating a supportive ecosystem where practical needs are met with dignity and compassion.



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