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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!



ETHOS 2026-2027
UNIVERSITAS

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University Awarded Prestigious ETHOS UNIVERSITAS 2026-2027 Certification

We've got some incredible news to share today that marks a massive turning point for higher education in Cambodia. Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University has just been officially awarded the ETHOS UNIVERSITAS 2026-2027 certificate. It's a major international "stamp of excellence" that recognizes universities for their integrity, quality of teaching, and commitment to social values. For PSB University, this means they've been recognized as a top-tier institution that doesn't just teach from books, but truly builds character and wisdom in its students. It's a huge win for the faculty and students who have been working tirelessly to put the university on the global map.

The Ethos Universitas recognition is part of a prestigious global initiative coordinated by the PCU Committee, which is officially recognized by Panathlon International. This alliance represents a network of over 150 universities across 50 countries, all dedicated to a shared mission: placing ethics, transparency, and social responsibility at the heart of higher education. Rather than focusing solely on academic research output, the Ethos Universitas program evaluates institutions based on their "moral compass"; looking at how they foster academic integrity, empower the student voice, and practice ethical governance. It is essentially the "Olympic Spirit" applied to the academic world, honoring institutions that bridge the gap between high-level scholarship and humanistic values. By securing this certification, PSB University joins an elite international community committed to shaping not just skilled professionals, but virtuous global citizens.

The celebration gets even better because the man leading the way has also been singled out for his extraordinary work. His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, the University's Rector, has been personally honored with the title of Honorary Companion Ethos Universitas 2026-2027. This is a deeply personal achievement that highlights his years of service and his vision for a university that blends deep-rooted Buddhist traditions with the needs of the modern world. It's a moment of "double victory" that proves when you have great leadership and a clear mission, the rest of the world stands up and takes notice. This recognition puts the university in an elite group of institutions worldwide, meaning the degree students earn carries more weight and respect internationally. It's about raising the bar for what education looks like in Cambodia.

By achieving this for the 2026-2027 term, the university is showing that it's ready to lead the way in ethical education. It sends a message that you can be modern and forward-thinking while still staying true to your spiritual and cultural roots. It's a proud day for the university, a proud day for His Holiness, and a very proud day for Cambodia. Huge congratulations to everyone involved in making this happen!





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GLOBAL IMPACT, LOCAL PURPOSE: **THE** Times Higher Education

PSB UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES LANDMARK SUCCESS IN THE 2026 TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT RANKINGS

Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University has officially carved its name onto the global stage. The University is proud to announce its historic results in the prestigious 2026 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, marking a monumental milestone in the institution's journey toward international recognition, academic excellence, and sustainable development. In a spectacular showcase of institutional growth, PSBU achieved an overall Global Impact Ranking of **1001–1500**. This placing firmly establishes the University as a rising star in higher education, driven by a mission that beautifully bridges traditional values with modern global standards.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE ACROSS KEY SDGs



Rather than measuring universities solely by traditional metrics like research funding or prestige, the THE Impact Rankings assess institutions against the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#). In this rigorous global evaluation, PSBU earned distinguished placements across four vital pillars. Reflecting its deep-rooted compassionate mission to uplift society, the University secured an impressive global rank of 301–400 for SDG 1: No Poverty. Additionally, the university earned well-deserved recognition with placements of 1001+ for SDG 4: Quality Education, 801–1000 for SDG 5: Gender Equality, and 1501+ for SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. This multifaceted success vividly highlights PSBU's growing commitment to advancing accessible education, supporting local communities, promoting inclusivity, and forging meaningful cross-border alliances.

A PREMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION

What makes this achievement truly extraordinary is the sheer pace of the University's transformation. Just two years ago, PSBU was taking its first tentative steps into global benchmarking, submitting evidence for only a single Sustainable Development Goal. Today, celebrating comprehensive recognition across four distinct SDGs stands as a powerful testament to the university's rapid institutional progress, expanded social impact, and heightened global engagement. It reflects an organization that does not just teach sustainability in classrooms, but actively embeds it into its operational DNA, community outreach, and policy framework.



BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR THE FUTURE

To sustain this incredible momentum and propel the university to even greater heights, the leadership of psbu has strategically established a dedicated, forward-looking [Quality Assurance Team](#).



This specialized unit is tasked with spearheading and coordinating future data submissions for both the THE Impact Rankings and the highly regarded QS Stars rating system.



Far from working in isolation, the team is actively collaborating with renowned international higher education experts, including [Dr. Amir Taghipour](#) and [Dr. Karl Meneghella](#).



By leveraging their global insights, this team will focus on strengthening academic quality, optimizing data collection, enhancing institutional performance, and continuously elevating PSBU's international standing.



A COLLECTIVE TRIUMPH

This historic success does not belong to a single department; it is the collective triumph of the entire campus network.



The University extends its warmest congratulations and deepest gratitude to the faculty, researchers, students, and administrative staff whose tireless hard work, passion, and dedication contributed to this outstanding global achievement.



As PSBU looks to the future, this recognition serves as both a celebration of how far the university has come and a powerful inspiration to keep striving for a better, more sustainable world.



Times Higher Education
**Sustainability
Impact Ratings 2026**



301–400

Out of 931 institutions globally

SDG 1 No Poverty

Awarded to

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Sustainability
Impact Ratings 2026



1001+

Out of 1335 institutions globally

SDG 4 Quality Education

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**Sustainability
Impact Ratings 2026**



801–1000

Out of 1095 institutions globally

SDG 5 Gender Equality

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**PSB University
Cambodia**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Phil Baty".

Phil Baty
Chief global affairs officer
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Impact Ratings 2026**



1501+

Out of 1610 institutions globally

SDG 17 Partnership for the Goals

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**Sustainability
Impact Ratings 2026**



1001–1500

Out of 1603 institutions globally

Overall Sustainability Impact Rating

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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 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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Mr. Kim Vutthy, a student from the Dual Qualifications Program at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University (PSBU), has received a valuable opportunity to represent Cambodian youth under the Advocacy and Policy Institute (API) in a study tour to the Philippines. This visit is organized under the project "Building Sustainability and Solidarity as Partnerships between Civil Society Youth and Member States (A-SASSY)." The primary objective of this study tour is to strengthen the capacity of youth networks through the exchange of experiences and hands-on learning regarding climate change response initiatives. It also aims to expand future cooperation among youth, civil society organizations, and relevant institutional partners within the ASEAN region. Furthermore, the program will enable young participants to enhance their knowledge, skills, and leadership in environmental sustainability and policy dialogue, allowing them to showcase their potential to the international youth community. Additionally, the tour provides a platform for ASEAN youth to closely exchange best practices and foster mutual learning.

Through this study tour, the PSBU student will be able to seize opportunities for better capacity development while highlighting Cambodia's ongoing progress on the international stage. This outstanding achievement for the student is a brilliant result of the dedicated leadership of His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Rector of the University, and His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Secretary of State – Ministry of Cult and Religion, In charge of PSB University. The Supreme Patriarch, Rector, and the entire management team express their high hopes and confidence that the student will achieve great success during this short-term study tour and bring back valuable knowledge and experience to share and disseminate further.

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AGGA ASEAN YOUTH GENERATION ALLIANCE



PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY DUAL QUALIFICATION STUDENT JOINS STUDY TOUR IN THE PHILIPPINES TO STRENGTHEN CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS



crucial role educational institutions play in promoting environmental awareness and climate change education at the grassroots level. Most notably, the AGGA youth groups participated in the "Seal the Deal with Green Covenant Network" program, which emphasizes strengthening local climate change education through partnership building, establishing good governance principles, and driving community engagement. This program highlighted the immense importance of collaboration among educational institutions, civil society organizations, and government agencies in addressing environmental issues and climate change. The study tour concluded with a final wrap-up workshop, during which the youth groups shared their comprehensive experiences and the key lessons learned throughout their week of learning. The active participation of student Kim Vutthy in this international initiative reflects the high capability and dynamic engagement of Cambodian youth on the international stage. It also demonstrates the ongoing commitment of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University to providing students with valuable opportunities to gain international experience, enhance their leadership skills, and contribute meaningfully to sustainable social and environmental development.

Mr. Kim Vutthy, a student from the Dual Qualification Program at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, participated as a Cambodian youth representative under the facilitation of the Advocacy and Policy Institute (API) in a study tour to the Philippines. This trip was organized under the project "Building Sustainability and Solidarity as Partnerships between Civil Society Youth and Member States (A-SASSY)." The main goals of the tour were to promote the exchange of experiences, study climate change challenges, and reinforce the vital role of youth in sustainable community development. During the week-long study tour, AGGA youth groups from Cambodia, Indonesia, and the Philippines participated in numerous educational and knowledge-sharing activities focused on climate change awareness, environmental protection, and youth involvement in policy-making and practical actions for sustainable development. These activities provided a unique opportunity for the youth to learn from best practices and successful case studies from various communities and institutions in the Philippines. As part of the program, the youth groups conducted study visits to Ateneo de Naga University in Naga City and Mabini Colleges, Inc. in Daet. Through discussions with leaders, educators, and students at these institutions, the youth gained insights into the





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On Thursday, May 21, 2026, His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayuttika Nikaya of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, and Chairman of the Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni, presided over a high-level meeting on the "Progress of Training at All Levels of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University." The meeting was attended by the Vice Rector, senior monks, and His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Personal Advisor to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. A total of 37 participants; including management, civil servants, heads and deputy heads of all departments, and working groups; gathered in the meeting hall of the Rector's office at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

To open the meeting, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, the Secretary of State in charge, received royal permission to present the progress report on training at all academic levels. He reported on the notable advancements in Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degree programs, as well as international scholarship programs, which have shown remarkable development aligned with the university's vision of building excellence. As a proud result, students from the international scholarship program were recently selected to represent Cambodia on an upcoming educational study tour to the Philippines. Alongside these achievements, His Excellency outlined the practical necessity of implementing training operations and organizing leadership structures across the four Buddhist faculties, especially the Faculty of Philosophy, Religion, and Law, which currently requires two senior monks to assume leadership and management roles. To address this, he requested the selection and appointment of Samdech Preah Trai Ratanavongsachar Touch Sator as Vice Rector, and Preah Dhamma Kavivong Nong Manavo as Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Religion, and Law.

During this auspicious occasion, the Supreme Patriarch and Chairman of the meeting extended warm, heartfelt greetings to the Vice Rectors, senior monks, civil servants, staff, and professors. He highly commended their physical and mental dedication in serving the institution over the past 22 years, which has driven its continuous growth. He emphasized that to ensure operational sustainability and further strengthen educational quality across faculties, departments, and offices, the leadership structure must be organized according to practical skills, competence, knowledge, and experience, rooted firmly in legal principles, virtue, and internal solidarity as key elements.

Following the Supreme Patriarch's opening remarks and the introduction of the agenda, he granted permission for the management team, Vice Rectors, senior monks, civil servants, deans, department heads, and relevant parties to share their views and insights. After an active discussion built on consensus and the full support of all management members, the meeting unanimously approved the draft request for the appointment and transfer of the two senior monks to proceed with the administrative process of sending the documents to the Ministry of Cult and Religion for review and final decision.





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PREAH DHAMMA KAVIVONG NONG MANAVO

SAMDECH PREAH TRAI RATANAVONGSACHAR TOUCH SATOR

His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayuttika Nikaya of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, and Chairman of the Samdech Royal Master Bour Kry Health Post of His Majesty King Sihamoni, graciously decided to appoint the Vice Rector and Dean of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University during a meeting on "Progress of Training at All Levels of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University" held on May 21, 2026.

The appointment meeting was attended by the Vice Rector, senior monks, and His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Personal Advisor to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. Management, civil servants, heads and deputy heads of all departments, and working groups also gathered in the meeting hall of the Rector's office at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. Based on the essential needs of the Buddhist university to implement training and organize its leadership structure; especially within the Faculty of Philosophy, Religion, and Law; the meeting carefully reviewed the draft administrative documents and unanimously agreed to request the appointment and transfer of two senior monks. First, it was requested to appoint Samdech Preah Trai Ratanavongsachar Touch Sator, the current Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Religion, and Law, as the Vice Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. Second, it was requested to appoint Preah Dhamma Kavivong Nong Manavo, a third-class royal

monk and Chief Monk of the Dhammayuttika Nikaya for Siem Reap Province, as the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Religion, and Law. Based on the consensus and full support of all management members, the meeting unanimously approved the draft request for the appointment and transfer of the two monks to proceed with the administrative process of submitting it to the Ministry of Cult and Religion for review and final decision. Following his appointment, Samdech Preah Trai Ratanavongsachar Touch Sator expressed his deepest gratitude to the Supreme Patriarch and Rector for evaluating and appointing him as Vice Rector. He expressed great joy and pledged to work diligently to assist the Rector in his royal duties, specifically promising to strengthen cooperation for Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, which serves as the backbone of Buddhism in Cambodia.

Similarly, Preah Dhamma Kavivong Nong Manavo expressed his profound gratitude to the Supreme Patriarch and Rector for appointing him as the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Religion, and Law. Filled with immense joy and appreciation for the attention and noble opportunity granted to him, he expressed his deep excitement and pledged to work tirelessly to serve the Buddhist university and foster its continued growth and prosperity.

The announcement of these new leaders strengthens the management structure and institutional development of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. This step ensures the university meets current educational demands and continues its mission of training quality human resources for society.



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PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY
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SAMDECH PREAH PUTH RATANAK REACH VONGSA KEO DIMONG, VICE RECTOR OF PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY, DEPARTS FOR FRANCE



On the morning of Friday, May 22, 2026, Samdech Preah Puth Ratanak Reach Vongsa Keo Dimong, Vice Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, departed for France. He was accompanied at Techo International Airport by His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Personal Advisor to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, alongside Excellencies, Lok Chumteav Oknha, government officials, and students from the university. On this occasion, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey expressed his great pleasure and offered his best wishes to Samdech Preah Puth Ratanak Reach Vongsa Keo Dimong for a safe journey to the French Republic, robust health, and great success in fulfilling his noble activities for the nation, religion, and Khmer society. This send-off also demonstrated deep respect and gratitude for Samdech's physical and intellectual dedication, as he has consistently sacrificed his efforts to fulfill ongoing religious and educational missions. The journey of Samdech Preah Puth Ratanak Reach Vongsa Keo Dimong to the French Republic highlights his activities in propagating Buddhism and strengthening connections with Cambodian Buddhists at home and abroad. In particular, it aims to promote the activities and progress of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University to the Khmer community in France, fostering support for Buddhist education and various humanitarian initiatives.





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SAMDECH PREAH TRAI RATANAVONGSACHAR TOUCH SATOR ATTENDS THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 21ST UNITED NATIONS DAY OF VESAK CONFERENCE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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The Opening Ceremony of the 21st United Nations Day of Vesak

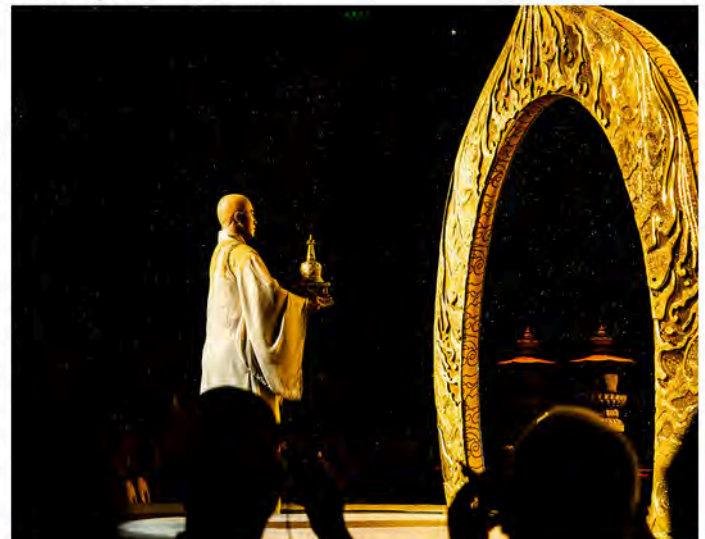


On May 26, 2026, Samdech Preah Trai Ratanavongsachar Touch Sator, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Religion, and Law and High Royal Representative of His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, alongside His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Secretary of State in charge, led a delegation of senior monks and government officials to attend the opening ceremony of the 21st United Nations Day of Vesak Conference 2026. The prestigious event was presided over by the Most Venerable Yen Jue, President of the Buddhist Association of China; Most Venerable Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit, President of the International Council for the Day of Vesak and President of the International Association of Buddhist Universities; His Excellency Li Ganjie, Head of the United Front Work Department of the CPC Central Committee; and His Excellency Xin Changxing, Secretary of the Jiangsu CPC Provincial Committee. They were joined by approximately 1,000 senior monks and high-ranking leaders from 67 countries worldwide, convening in a spirit of unity and solidarity to achieve the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals, while fostering peace, harmony, and coexistence for humanity in accordance with the noble path of Buddhism.

The opening ceremony of the 21st UN Day of Vesak was held to commemorate the birth, enlightenment, and passing (Parinirvana) of the Buddha. The conference engaged in thorough and comprehensive discussions under the theme "The Wisdom of the Buddha in Promoting Global Sustainable Development and Building a Shared Future for Humanity." The dialogue focused on four key sub-themes: (1) Practicing the wisdom of the Buddha for the well-being of the people; (2) The contribution of Buddhism to shared

prosperity; (3) Practicing the wisdom of the Buddha to promote a green ecosystem and protect the planet; and (4) The wisdom of the Buddha for building partnerships toward sustainable global peace.

The active participation of the management team from Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University in this international conference reflects its dedication to strengthening relationships and international cooperation in the fields of Buddhism, education, and culture, while exchanging knowledge and experience with various international institutions. Furthermore, attending this global event provides a valuable opportunity to promote Buddhist values, elevate the profile of Cambodia's Buddhist higher education institutions on the international stage, and contribute positively to global sustainable development and a shared future for humanity through the teachings of Buddhism.





EMBASSY OF INDIA IN THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA ORGANIZES YOGA SESSION TO CELEBRATE THE 12TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF VESAK AT PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY



To celebrate the 12th International Day of Yoga, the Embassy of India in the Kingdom of Cambodia organized a yoga session at the Independence Monument Hall on the 9th floor of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University on May 27, 2026. The event saw active and enthusiastic participation from more than 20 students in a joyful and vibrant atmosphere.

The session was led and instructed by Dr. Jyoti Vaidik, an official from the Embassy of India to Cambodia and a traditional Indian cultural yoga instructor. The program aimed to promote both physical and mental health, while enhancing young people's awareness of the benefits of yoga, a practice that continues to gain widespread popularity worldwide.

During the training, participating students were introduced to basic yoga movements, breath control, relaxation methods, and meditation techniques. Through these activities, students were able to strengthen their physical health, reduce stress, enhance mental tranquility, and particularly improve their focus in both their academic studies and daily lives. The participating students expressed great interest and joy in the session, noting that yoga offers immense benefits for maintaining physical and mental well-being, boosting concentration, and promoting a balanced lifestyle. In addition to practicing the movements, students raised various questions to the instructor about yoga exercises to gain knowledge for their future practice. This yoga program not only marked the celebration of the 12th International Day of Yoga, but also contributed to strengthening friendly relations, cultural exchange, and cooperation between Cambodia and India, while fostering greater awareness among youth regarding the importance of healthcare through exercise for a healthy life.



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MANAGEMENT OF PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY CONVENES MEETING ON ORGANIZING CLASSROOM ORDER AND CAMPUS CLEANLINESS



On the afternoon of Friday, May 29, 2026, the management, monk officials, and civil servants of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University held a meeting to discuss the management of order within classrooms and across the university campus. The meeting aimed to strengthen discipline and organization, thereby creating a significantly improved learning environment for both monk and lay students. The meeting proceeded in an atmosphere of high cooperation and responsibility, focusing primarily on maintaining classroom order, upholding hygiene and aesthetics throughout the university grounds, and reinforcing discipline alongside the effective implementation of internal regulations. During the session, the management highlighted the vital importance of maintaining hygiene and order, encouraging active participation from all stakeholders to foster an environment conducive to studying, researching, and working. Furthermore, the participants discussed ways to instill awareness among monk and lay students regarding their roles, duties, and responsibilities in respecting discipline and preserving the public property of the university. As a result, the meeting reached a consensus on several measures to more effectively enforce discipline and order. The management, monk officials, and civil servants of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University expressed their strong commitment to strengthening the management system and promoting internal regulations to ensure order, safety, and organization, which serve as essential factors supporting the intellectual development of the students.



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HIS EXCELLENCY NGOUN SDECHPHEAKDEY PAYS RESPECTS TO PREAH SUMEDHVANGS

DR. SOK BUNTHOEUN DURING AN INSPECTION VISIT TO PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY



On the morning of Friday, May 29, 2026, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Personal Advisor to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, on behalf of His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, the Rector, paid respects to Preah Sumedhvangs Dr. Sok Bunthoeun, Head of the Department of Buddhist Higher Education and Post-Graduate Education of the General Inspectorate of National Buddhist Education, during his official visit to inspect the general training progress, infrastructure, and physical facilities of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University.

During the meeting, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey extended a warm welcome and expressed his great joy for the presence of Preah Sumedhvangs Dr. Sok Bunthoeun, who consistently pays close attention to the progress of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, particularly regarding the quality of education and training provided to student monks and lay students. His Excellency informed the department head that, as a public institution of Buddhist higher education under the management of the Ministry of Cult and Religion, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University plays a vital role in promoting education by strictly adhering to the principles of equality, with no discrimination based on gender, religion, or political affiliation. To gain admission, student monks and lay students must pass a three-stage examination process consisting of a general culture exam, an English proficiency test, and an interview matrix. His Excellency added that over the years, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University has achieved significant milestones in both infrastructure and quality human resource development, enabling graduates to successfully secure employment across various public and private institutions.

In response, Preah Sumedhvangs Dr. Sok Bunthoeun expressed his pride and appreciation for the dedication and numerous achievements that have flourished under the wise and compassionate leadership of His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, the Rector, who has actively worked to elevate the national Buddhist education sector over the past 22 years. He encouraged the management, senior monks, civil servants, and staff to continue fulfilling their duties and missions efficiently to achieve further success, while urging professors to maintain strong discipline and improve teaching methodologies to ensure effective educational outcomes. Furthermore, he expressed his deep gratitude to His Holiness for his immense dedication to enhancing national Buddhist education, which has been crucial in providing underprivileged student monks and lay students with access to quality higher education recognized by the Royal Government.

The meeting concluded in a warm, friendly atmosphere with highly fruitful results. Following the discussions, Preah Sumedhvangs Dr. Sok Bunthoeun conducted a physical tour to inspect the university's infrastructure and facilities; including the academic buildings, dormitory building, health center, classrooms, academic offices, studio room, and student services areas and also took the time to cordially converse with the student monks and lay students.



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY BEGINS LECTURES FOR THE 3RD COHORT OF THE PHD PROGRAM

**DR. MOK SAROM**

The launch of this third doctoral cohort marks a new chapter in academic training, focusing on the essential foundational elements required for all monk and lay doctoral candidates to prepare themselves for high-quality, standard-compliant research and dissertation writing. Concurrently, students are further strengthening their professional ethics to become well-rounded leaders equipped with competence, skills, and wisdom; crucial catalysts for fulfilling their roles and responsibilities across all sectors. This doctoral curriculum is developed under the strict supervision and close attention of the university leadership to ensure quality and effectiveness, aligning with the royal vision of the Supreme Patriarch and Rector, as well as the Royal Government's Pentagonal Strategy, which places human resource development as a top priority.

The Post-Graduate School of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University officially commenced its third cohort of the PhD program on Saturday, May 30, 2026, featuring direct lectures from several distinguished professors. Academician Dr. Som Somuny conducted the course on "Methodology for Writing Doctoral Dissertations," Professor Dr. Mok Sarom taught "Advanced Doctoral Research Methodology," Professor Dr. Chhem Kieth Rethy lectured on "Ethics and Leadership," and Dr. Chey Sarin instructed the class on "Statistics for Doctoral Studies."

**DR. SOM SOMUNY****DR. CHEY SARIN**

Alongside the operation of this third doctoral cohort, the Post-Graduate School of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University continues to introduce new strategic visions and development goals. These initiatives aim to elevate the excellence of Cambodia's higher education sector, fostering its growth and enhancing its ability to compete with international institutions in the future.

**DR. CHHEM KIETH RETHY**



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MANAGEMENT OF PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY MEETS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS TO DISCUSS THE "IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF THE EDUCATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM"



On June 1, 2026, His Excellency Dr. Mok Sarom, Dean of the Post-Graduate School of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, alongside Mr. Khim Darath, Deputy Dean of the Post-Graduate School and Head of the International Relations Office, and officials from the Internal Quality Assurance Office, held a working meeting on the "Implementation Process of the Educational Quality Assurance System of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University." The meeting, held in the Graduate School meeting room, was attended by Dr. Karl Meneghella, Director of International Education at PSBU, and Mr. Amirhossein Taghipour, International Research Project Manager at PSBU. During the meeting, the international experts delivered presentations on several key topics related to developing and implementing the educational quality assurance system. Dr. Karl Meneghella presented a Self-Assessment Questionnaire designed for QA team members, which serves as an essential tool to measure staff capacity, understanding, and engagement in the quality assurance process. Furthermore, Dr. Meneghella presented a training program for the PSBU QA team aimed at strengthening staff capacity in implementing quality assurance principles, managing and collecting documentation, and carrying out continuous improvement initiatives within the university. Concurrently, Mr. Amirhossein Taghipour gave a presentation on data preparation and integration for participating

in international university ranking systems, such as the Times Higher Education (THE) and QS World University Rankings. This presentation focused on the critical importance of data organization, document collection, and the development of key indicators that can help elevate the university's prestige and competitive edge on the international stage. Following the presentations and discussions, the management agreed to further strengthen the effective implementation of the educational quality assurance system through additional training sessions, capacity building for the QA team, development of data management systems, and comprehensive document collection. The meeting concluded with an agreement on a future action plan to prepare for upcoming quality evaluations and participation in international university ranking systems.





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SAMDECH PREAH TRAI RATANAVONGSACHAR TOUCH SATOR PAYS AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SHENZHEN BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS HIGH ROYAL REPRESENTATIVE



On June 1, 2026, Samdech Preah Trai Ratanavongsachar Touch Sator, Chief Monk of Phnom Penh Municipal and Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Religion, and Law, paid an official visit to the Shenzhen Buddhist Association in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China. He led the Cambodian delegation as the High Royal Representative of H.H. Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mahasangharajah Dhipati Bour Kry, Rector of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University. The delegation included His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Secretary of State in charge, alongside senior monks, Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, and Oknhas. During the visit, the Cambodian delegation paid a courtesy call on Venerable Yin Shun, President of the Shenzhen Buddhist Association. The meeting took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere, where both sides discussed and exchanged views on strengthening future cooperation and exchanges in the fields of Buddhism and Buddhist education. As a result of the discussions, both parties reached a consensus on several key points to strengthen bilateral ties and cooperation. Notably, they committed to continue supporting the organization of the "South China Sea Buddhism Roundtable" (Nanhai Buddhism Roundtable), which serves as an essential platform for exchanging experiences and strengthening connections within the international Buddhist community. Concurrently, both sides agreed to further promote cooperation in Buddhist education by sending young student monks to pursue their studies at the Nanhai Buddhist Academy. Meanwhile, higher education programs will be integrated at the Ben Huan Academy, and mid-level to senior leaders of the Cambodian Buddhist community will also be sent to participate in short-term training courses. Furthermore, both parties agreed to cooperate closely with Hongfa Temple in organizing a series of activities and programs to commemorate the 120th birth anniversary of the Late Venerable Master Ben Huan, a highly revered senior monk who made immense contributions to the growth and development of Buddhism. In closing, the Cambodian delegation extended a cordial invitation to Venerable Yin Shun, as well as the leaders and colleagues of the Shenzhen Buddhist Association, to pay a visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia at a convenient time. This future visit aims to continue strengthening friendship, exchanging experiences, and enhancing bilateral cooperation between the Buddhist communities of both nations for greater growth and prosperity.



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MANAGEMENT OF PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY LEADS CIVIL SERVANTS, MONKS, AND LAY STUDENTS IN NATIONAL ANTHEM CEREMONY TO STRENGTHEN PATRIOTISM AND DISCIPLINE



On the morning of Monday, June 1, 2026, the management of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University led civil servants, staff, professors, monk students, and lay students to participate in the national anthem ceremony. The ceremony was held to express respect and gratitude for the brave heroism of past generations of Cambodian ancestors who sacrificed their physical, mental, and spiritual strength; as well as their lives; to protect national independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, while also fostering a sense of national unity and promoting solidarity among the youth. This activity reflects the management's commitment to educating, training, re. and strengthening patriotism among monk and lay students, while

raising awareness about the value of peace, national unity, and the obligations of youth to participate in preserving and developing the nation. Furthermore, paying respects to the national flag serves as a reminder for all young people to maintain a high sense of national pride, strive to build their capacities and knowledge, and always remain grateful for the sacrifices of past heroes and soldiers who laid down their lives for the motherland. In particular, youth must be self-reliant, rely on their own abilities, and strengthen their knowledge, skills, and national defense spirit to contribute to elevating the nation's prestige and progress.

This national anthem ceremony is conducted regularly every Monday morning and Friday evening. It serves as a vital activity to instill discipline, responsibility, rigor, and dignity in both monk and lay students, aligning with the university's educational mission to build high-quality, morally upright human resources. In addition to honoring the national flag, the monk and lay students received Buddhist teachings from Venerable Ratana Satha Sem Soveasna, Dean of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, to provide mental, moral, and behavioral guidance. The Venerable Dean also encouraged the students to study hard, acquire new knowledge from their professors, and develop themselves into capable, virtuous, and highly responsible human resources to serve the development of society and the country in the future.





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HIS EXCELLENCY NGOUN SDECHPHEAKDEY AND PHNOM PENH CAPITAL HALL LEADERS INSPECT THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS OF THE SAMDECH TECO SANTEPHEAP DORMITORY BUILDING

On the morning of Thursday, June 11, 2026, His Excellency Ngoun Sdechpheapkdey, Personal Advisor to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Cult and Religion in charge of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University, alongside leadership from the Phnom Penh Capital Hall and the Phnom Penh Municipal Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, inspected the construction progress of the 7-story Samdech Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building located within the compound of Wat Svay Pope



During the inspection, His Excellency expressed great pleasure for the close cooperation and dedication of the relevant departments, who joined the site visit to evaluate the construction quality, aesthetics, and surrounding environment. They also provided recommendations and improvement feedback to guarantee high-quality standards that will effectively serve the needs of the students. Concurrently, His Excellency informed the leadership delegation that the construction work is currently about 70 to 80 percent complete, and the working group is actively pushing forward with the remaining tasks to ensure completion on schedule.

The continuous support and attention from leadership at all levels reflect a deep commitment to investing in human resources and developing the education sector, which serves as the fundamental cornerstone for the nation's sustainable development. As an institution of Buddhist higher education, Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University will continue to fulfill its mission of cultivating knowledge, virtue, and capability among student monks and lay students alike, preparing them to become quality human resources for the nation.

It is worth noting that the Samdech Techo Santepheap Dormitory Building is a generous gift from Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, President of the Supreme Privy Council to His Majesty the King and President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Samdech Kittiprittpondit Bun Rany Hun Sen, alongside Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and First Lady Dr. Pich Chanmony Hun Manet, with construction set to be officially completed in the near future.





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PREAH SIHAMONIRAJA BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN "UNIPRENEUR SEASON 4" PROGRAM AT CAMTECH UNIVERSITY



On Friday, June 12, 2026, students from Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University participated in the three-day "Unipreneur Season 4" program, organized by Khmer Enterprise at CamTech University. The program aimed to promote entrepreneurial spirit, foster creative thinking, and develop business capabilities among students from various higher education institutions across the country. On this occasion, 30 students from Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University were divided into 6 teams to develop their respective business projects. These teams included Natural Rice, Jomka, Spark Entrepreneur, Healthy Food, Bloom House, and Project Success. These projects were established to address and satisfy customer and market demands through the creation of innovative products or services. During the first two days of the program, numerous speakers and entrepreneurial experts delivered presentations and conducted training sessions for the students on crucial knowledge and skills required to launch and develop a business. The topics covered included Business Model creation, business planning, market analysis, identifying social challenges, and

developing practical solutions. In particular, the speakers emphasized that for entrepreneurs, problems represent valuable opportunities to create new products or services, as entrepreneurs are individuals who can see the possibilities behind challenges and generate value for both society and the economy. Beyond theoretical learning, all participating students engaged in hands-on activities by practicing pitches of their business projects before a panel of judges and experts. This activity provided the students with an opportunity to develop their public speaking skills, persuasive techniques, and professional business concept presentations, while also receiving constructive feedback and guidance to further refine and improve their projects. The participation in this "Unipreneur Season 4" program clearly highlights the dedication of Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University to enhancing the entrepreneurial spirit of its students and training human resources equipped with creative minds, competitive capabilities, and leadership qualities to meet societal needs.

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