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Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University

Date: 05 August 2026

PSBU QA Team Conference Minutes

Venue: PSB University



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Meeting Details

Date: 05 August 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Venue: Preah Sihamoniraja Buddhist University (PSBU)

Chairperson: H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheakdey, Rector of PSBU

Presenter: Mr. Pudon Tsang, Regional Director, Times Higher Education (THE), Southeast Asia

Recorder: Office of Quality Assurance

Attendees: Quality Assurance (QA) Team (Dr. Karl Meneghella, Dr. Amirhossein Taghipour, Dr. Mok Sarom, Ms. Maut Rorhany, Mr. Sey Pisith), Mr. Sean Borey, Mr. Khim Darath, Mr. Keo Chanthon, and Mr. Phal Yoeng.

Agenda

1. Opening and purpose of the Meeting
2. Introduction to Times Higher Education (THE)
3. PSBU's Internationalization Vision
4. Review of PSBU's THE Impact Rankings Performances
5. Demonstration of the THE's SDG Platform
6. Strategies for Improving Rankings
7. International Collaboration Opportunities
8. Improving Future SDG Submissions
9. Membership Packages and Pricing
10. Next Steps / Future Activities
11. Meeting Conclusion

1. Opening and Purpose of Meeting

The conference was officially commenced at 9:00 AM by **Mr. Pudon Tsang**, Regional Director of Times Higher Education (THE) for Southeast Asia. He began by extending his respectful greetings to **H.E. Ngoun Sdechpheakdey**, Rector of PSBU, and warmly welcomed all participants, expressing his appreciation to the PSBU colleagues for attending the conference. Mr. Pudon introduced himself and provided an overview of THE's role in supporting higher education institutions through global rankings, data analysis, benchmarking, publications, and international collaboration. He emphasized THE's commitment to helping universities improve institutional quality, strengthen global visibility, and create greater opportunities for sustainable growth.





The purpose of the conference was to review PSBU's current performance in the THE Impact Rankings, demonstrate the THE SDG Impact Rankings platform, discuss strategies for improving future submissions, and explore opportunities to enhance international partnerships and the university's long-term internationalization strategy.

2. Introduction to Times Higher Education (THE)

Mr. Pudon Tsang introduced Times Higher Education as a global organization that supports universities through rankings, benchmarking, institutional data, publications, and strategic consultancy. He emphasized that THE's objective extends beyond rankings by helping universities improve quality, strengthen international reputation, and achieve sustainable institutional growth.

3. PSBU's Internationalization Vision

The presenter acknowledged PSBU's ambition to expand its international presence through global partnerships, student exchange initiatives, joint academic programmes, and collaborative research. He explained that participation in global rankings and international academic events would significantly enhance the university's visibility and reputation while attracting future international collaborations.

4. Review of PSBU's THE Impact Rankings Performance

Mr. Pudon congratulated PSBU for being among the Cambodian universities participating in the THE Impact Rankings. He explained that universities are required to submit SDG 17 together with any three additional Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to receive an overall ranking. Based on PSBU's current submission, the university achieved performance above the global median in several indicators, providing a strong foundation for future improvements.

5. Demonstration of the THE SDG Platform

A live demonstration of the THE SDG Impact Rankings platform was conducted. The presenter explained that the platform enables universities to:

- Review institutional performance across individual SDGs.
- Benchmark results against universities worldwide.
- Access historical performance data.
- Identify strengths and gaps within individual indicators.
- Learn from publicly available evidence submitted by other universities to improve future submissions.

The presenter noted that while PSBU currently has access to the basic membership dashboard, an advanced subscription would allow detailed indicator-level benchmarking and comparison with other institutions.

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6. Strategies for Improving Rankings

The conference highlighted that one of the most immediate opportunities for improvement is strengthening the quality and specificity of evidence submitted for each SDG indicator. Participants learned that many score deductions occur because supporting evidence is too general rather than directly addressing the indicator requirements. In the long term, increasing research publications, particularly internationally collaborative research indexed in Scopus, will significantly enhance PSBU's performance in THE rankings.

7. International Collaboration Opportunities

Mr. Pudon encouraged PSBU to actively participate in THE's international conferences and networking events, including the Innovation & Impact Summit in South Korea. Such participation would increase institutional visibility, facilitate collaboration with universities worldwide, and create opportunities for future academic partnerships. THE also expressed willingness to support PSBU by providing complimentary or discounted conference registrations for university representatives.

8. Improving Future SDG Submissions

The presenter emphasized that one of the quickest ways to improve PSBU's ranking performance is by submitting more specific, measurable, and publicly accessible evidence that directly addresses each SDG indicator. He also highlighted that increasing Scopus-indexed research publications, particularly through international research collaborations, will significantly strengthen the university's long-term ranking performance.

9. Membership Packages and Pricing

Mr. Pudon introduced three levels of THE membership and recommended that PSBU consider upgrading to the Advanced Membership, which provides access to detailed benchmarking tools and indicator analysis. A discounted three-year subscription package was proposed for PSBU, with THE expressing willingness to further negotiate pricing considering the university's non-profit status and financial circumstances.

10. Next Steps / Future Activities

- Review the revised quotation for the THE Advanced Membership package.
- Strengthen SDG evidence by ensuring documentation is specific, measurable, and publicly accessible.
- Develop a long-term institutional research strategy to increase Scopus-indexed publications and international research collaborations.
- Encourage faculty members to participate in collaborative research and international publications.

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- Consider sending PSBU representatives to upcoming THE international conferences and networking events.
- Continue improving SDG documentation, benchmarking, and institutional evidence for future THE Impact Rankings submissions.

11. Meeting Conclusion

The meeting provided valuable insights into THE Impact Rankings methodology and highlighted practical strategies for enhancing PSBU's international standing. Participants gained a clearer understanding of how high-quality evidence, research development, and international collaboration contribute to improved ranking performance. THE reaffirmed its commitment to supporting PSBU through benchmarking resources, networking opportunities, and ongoing strategic collaboration as the university advances its internationalization goals.

Meeting Screenshot

