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Born in the rural area of Kompongthom Province and raised by a single mother, Dr. Chheang Vannarith has struggled to get his higher education through different scholarship and fellowship programs from Vietnam, Japan, and the United States. He receives his BA in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, MA in International Relations from the International University of Japan, PhD in Asia Pacific Studies from the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan and graduate certificate in Leadership from the East West Center, USA. He used to work with various NGOs and Research Institutes for more than 4 years. Currently, he is serving as an Executive Director of the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace in Cambodia, a member of ASEAN-ISIS, CSCAP, and ERIA, and is one of the leading independent think tanks in the country. His international education background and working experiences proves that he can work in a cross cultural environment and possesses strong human communication and management skills. He is competent to conduct research projects/surveys relating to social and economic development especially in Cambodia and the Southeast Asian region. For the academic record, he has published several academic papers in various peer reviewed journals on various topics. He has written and been quoted in various news articles.

RESEARCH CONSULTANCY

2009: Bangkok Research Center- IDE-JETRO

- Conduct a research project on business opportunities for Japanese companies in the Mekong.
- Write a research paper on “tourism development in Cambodia: Opportunities for Japanese companies”.

July 2009- April 2010: Economic Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

- Conduct a research project on Small and Medium Enterprises and Regional Integration in East Asia
- Write a research paper on the opportunities and challenges of Cambodian SMEs in regional economic integration especially by focusing on regional production network.

May 2010: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Conduct a research project on Private Sector and the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement
- Analyze the impacts of regional trade arrangements on key industries in Cambodia
- Write a research paper on Case Studies of the impact of ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement on selected Cambodian Industries (agro-industry, textile industry, and food and beverage manufacturing industry).

June-September 2010: Economic Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

- Conduct a research project on Cambodia’s economic scorecard focusing on investment climate, trade facilitation, and logistics in Cambodia- The project provides some policy inputs for the ASEAN Summit.
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EDUCATION AND TRAININGS

Sept. 10 – Dec. 10 **East-West Center, EWC, Washington DC**

USA

Visiting Fellow, Southeast Asia Program

- Carry out a research projects on conflict management in South China Sea
- Organize a seminar on ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting Plus Eight

- Exchange views with U.S.'s policy makers from the state department and Pentagon, members of congress, and local experts on U.S.-ASEAN and U.S.-Cambodia relations.

Sept. 06 – March 10 **Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, APU** Oita, Japan

PHD in Asia Pacific Studies

- Focus on international relations in the Asia Pacific
- Research project on the political economy of tourism in Southeast Asia
- Topic of dissertation: Angkor Heritage Tourism and the Issues of Sustainability
- Recipient of Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT)

Aug. 08 – May 09 **East-West Center, EWC, University of Hawaii** Honolulu, USA

Graduate Certificate in Asia Pacific Leadership

- Leadership skills training
- Focus on regional issues and the role of leadership
- Recipient of East-West Center and Pacific Rim Society Scholarship

Sept. 04 – June 06 **International University of Japan, IUJ** Niigata, Japan

MA in International Relations

- Focus on Southeast Asian Studies
- Research project on Khmer Rouge Tribunal
- Recipient of Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT)

Sept. 98 - Oct. 02 **Institute for International Relations, IIR** Hanoi, Vietnam

BA in International Relations

- Focus on International Economics
- Research project on Cambodia and World Trade Organization
- Recipient of Vietnamese Government Scholarship

Apr. 04 - Sept. 04 **Niigata University** Niigata, Japan

- Intensive Japanese language and culture course

SHORT TERM TRAINING

5-9 September 2005 **United Nations University Global Seminar- 21 Shonan Session**

Kanagawa, Japan

“The UN’s role in Global Governance: Challenges and Possibilities”

- Actively participated in group discussion on global issues such as peace building and human security improvement for the post conflict countries
- Awarded a certificate of active participation in the seminar

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Chheang, Vannarith (2010). *Angkor Heritage Tourism*. Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, Phnom Penh.

Leng, Thearith and Chheang, Vannarith (2009). *ASEAN and Security Relevance*. Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, Phnom Penh.

Journal Articles and Working Papers

- Chheang, Vannarith (2010). Environmental and Economic Cooperation in the Mekong Region. *Asia-Europe Journal*, Vol. 8, Number 3.
- Chheang, Vannarith (2010). Cambodia: Maritime Security Challenges and Priorities. *CICP Working Paper No.32*. Phnom Penh: CICP.
- Chheang, Vannarith (2010). Tourism and local community development in Siem Reap. *Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies*. pp.85-101.
- Chheang, Vannarith (2010). An Introduction to Greater Mekong Subregional Cooperation. *CICP Working Paper No. 34*. Phnom Penh: CICP.
- Chheang, Vannarith (October 2009). Cambodia: Between China and Japan. *CICP Working Paper 31*. Phnom Penh: Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace.
- Chheang, Vannarith (Spring 2009). State and tourism planning: A case study of Cambodia. *TOURISMOS Journal*, Volume 4, Number 1.
- Chheang, Vannarith (2008). Cambodia's economic relations with Thailand and Vietnam. *CICP Working Paper 25*. Phnom Penh: Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace.
- Chheang, Vannarith and Chap, Sotharith (2008). The fight against international terrorism: Cambodian perspective. *CICP Working Paper 23*. Phnom Penh: Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace.
- Leng, Thearith and Chheang, Vannarith (2008). Cambodia-Thailand dispute and its impacts on Southeast Asian community construction. *Cambodian Journal of International Affairs*, Vol.1, No. 1, pp. 29-42.
- Chheang, Vannarith and Mala, Selvarajavu (2008). Japan and East Asian Regionalism. *Cambodian Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 1, No.1, pp.43-63.
- Chheang, Vannarith and Mala, Selvaraju (2008). The rise of China and India: Implications for Southeast Asia. *The Asian Studies Journal* (Vol 43, No.2).
- Chheang, Vannarith (2008). The political economy of tourism in Cambodia. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Tourism Research*, Vol. 13, No. 3, 282-297.
- Chan, Rotha and Chheang, Vannarith (2008). The cultural challenges to the decentralization process in Cambodia. *The Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies*, Volume 24, 1-16.
- Chheang, Vannarith (2007). China and the creation of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area: Implications for Cambodia. *CICP Working Paper No. 19*. Phnom Penh: Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace.
- Chheang, Vannarith (2007). Cambodian, from a Killing Field to a Court of Justice: Challenges Ahead. *The Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies*. Volume 22, 115-130.
- Chheang, Vannarith (2006). The Establishment of the Khmer Rouge Tribunal and the Issue of Justice. *RCAPS Working Paper No. 06-02*. October 2006, 1-31.

Policy and Commentary Articles

Chheang, Vannarith (October 2010). ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting Plus Eight: The “ASEAN Way”. *Asia Pacific Bulletin* No.74, East West Center, Washington DC.

Chheang, Vannarith (October 2010). Why can't war debt be resolved? *Phnom Penh Post* October 6, 2010.

Chheang, Vannarith (September 2010). Reinvigorating US-ASEAN relations. *Phnom Penh Post* 17 September 2010.

Chheang, Vannarith (January 2010). The China-ASEAN FTA brings advantages and challenges. *Phnom Penh Post* 4 January, 2010.

Chheang, Vannarith (November 2009). ASEAN must act in Cambodia-Thai dispute. *Phnom Penh Post* 12 November, 2009.

Chheang, Vannarith (August 2009). Global economic crisis and its impact on Cambodia. *Southeast Asia Weekly* 2 August, 2009.

Chheang, Vannarith (July 2009). Cambodia-Republic Korea relations: Promising future. *Southeast Asia Weekly* 19 July, 2009.

Chheang, Vannarith (July 2009). Cambodia-US relations advance one step further. *Southeast Asia Weekly* 12 July, 2009.

Chheang, Vannarith (Nov. 2008). Obama's election good for the world. *Phnom Penh Post*, 11 November, 2008.

Chheang, Vannarith (Oct. 2008). New world, new leadership. *Phnom Penh Post*, 03 October 2008.

Vong, Sreytouch and Chheang, Vannarith (June 2008). Water issue in Cambodia. *Shizuku Youth World Water Summit Report Magazine*. NPO Japan Water Forum. Tokyo, Japan.

WORKING EXPERIENCES

June 09 – Present **Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)** Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Executive Director

- Write grant proposal and research papers
- Coordinate and organize conferences and workshops (both at the national and international level)
- Participate in national and international conferences and working groups to provide policy recommendations and inputs to national and regional public institutions

Cambodia-Council of Security Cooperation in Asia Pacific (CSCAP)

Secretary General

- Coordinate CSCAP events
- Conduct research in the field of traditional and non-traditional security issues
- Participate in various securities related working groups

Cambodian Journal of International Affairs (CJIA)

Member of Editorial Board

- July 07 – May 09 **Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace** Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Research Fellow
- Conducted research project on Cambodian issues and international relations in East Asia
- July 07 – May 09 **Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace** Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Managing Editor
- Cambodian Journal of International Affairs (CJIA)
- June 06- Sept 06 **Japan-US Institute, International University of Japan** Niigata, Japan
Research Fellow
- Conducted research project on Japan and East Asian regional integration
- July 05- Aug. 05 **Japan Assistance Team for Small Arms Management in Cambodia** Phnom Penh
Volunteer Consultant
- Assisted in feasibility study of the expanding projects to another two provinces in Cambodia
 - Participated in discussions on strategies to implement the new projects
- July 03 - Mar. 04 **Japan Assistance Team for Small Arms Management in Cambodia** Phnom Penh
Translator and Interpreter
- Assisted in peace building project under the Grant Aid from the Japanese government
 - Translated the reports and other documents
- Jan. 01 - July 01 **Royal Embassy of Cambodia** Hanoi, Vietnam
Internship and Volunteer Staff
- Drafted weekly reports to the secretary in charge of information
 - Assisted in cultural exchange activities

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC)

Courses offered: Introduction to Political Science, Comparative Politics, Modern Diplomacy and International Cooperation, International Political Economy, Global Governance and United Nations System

Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP)

Courses offered: ASEAN international relations, ASEAN Economies and Societies

Lim Kok Wing University of Creative Technology (LKW)

Course offered: Public Communication

COMPUTER SKILLS: MS office, Excel, Power Point

LANGUAGE SKILLS: *Khmer* - Native *English* - Advanced *Vietnamese* - Advanced
 French - Intermediate *Japanese* - Intermediate

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Cross cultural activities and sports (badminton and hiking)