

**First Phnom Penh Strategic Forum  
On  
“Emerging Regional Security Architecture: How to Ensure Peace and Security?”**

**17 January 2012**

**Co-organizers**

**General Department of Policy and International Affairs  
Ministry of National Defense of Cambodia**

**Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)**

**Background**

Cambodia is chairing ASEAN in 2012 and in the process of bidding to be a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council from 2013 to 2014. Such a proactive foreign policy requires the Cambodian government to work much harder to contribute substantially to the regional and global community. In such context, academic forum can play complementary role in providing policy inputs and analysis to the policy makers in preparing to response and adapt to the changing regional and global security.

As the host of ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting (ADMM), the Ministry of National Defense of Cambodia is preparing some concept papers and joint statement for adoption. Most importantly, Cambodia aims to push forward concrete implementation of the ASEAN Political Security Blueprint (APSC), ADMM Three Year Work Plan, and other concept papers adopted by the ASEAN defense ministers.

The Phnom Penh Strategic Forum is organized to provide a platform to discuss the evolving regional security architecture in the context of strategic space creation, cooperation, and development. In addition, it is designed to share some views on emerging security issues among key stakeholders including the views from civil society organizations.

**Targeted Audience**

It is expected that about 100 participants from the government ministries, diplomatic mission to Cambodia, national and international non-governmental organizations, academe, and students will attend the forum. The key targeted audience is the Cambodian policy makers especially in the field of strategic analysis and defense study.

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**Program**  
**(Tentative)**

7:30 – 8:00	Registration
8:00 – 8:15	Program Start Moderator: Major Nhem Boraden, Ministry of National Defense
8:15 – 8:25	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> by HRH Samdech Norodom Sirivudh, Founder and Chairman, Board of Directors, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
8:25 – 9:00	<b>Keynote Address</b> by H.E. General Tea Banh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defense
9:00 – 9:30	<b>Press Conference</b> with H.E. General Tea Banh
9:30 – 10:00	Departure of H.E. General Tea Banh, followed by Coffee Break
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Presentation</b> on ADMM Work Plan by <b>H.E. Dr. Nem Sowath</b> , Director General, Department of Policy and International Affairs, Ministry of National Defense
10:30 – 10:50	American Perspective on Regional Security By a Representative from the American Embassy in Phnom Penh
10:50 – 11:10	Chinese Perspective on China Rise By a Representative from the Chinese Embassy in Phnom Penh

11:10 – 11:50	Question and Answer
11:50 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion on Issues and Challenges of the Current State of Regional Security Architecture</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Chheang Vannairth</b>, Executive Director of the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, focusing on ASEAN Regional Forum</p> <p><b>H.E. Mr. Ambassador Pou Sothirak</b>, Senior Research Fellow, Singapore’s Institute of Southeast Studies, focusing on East Asia Summit (Singapore)</p> <p><b>Researcher from Institute of Defense and International Relations (TBC)</b> (Vietnam), focus on Vietnamese experiences and perspective on how to strengthen ADMM and ADMM Plus</p> <p><b>Researcher from Institute of Southeast Asia (TBC)</b> (Singapore), focusing on Major Power Competition and its effects in the region.</p> <p>Question and Answer</p>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:30	<p><b>Round Table Discussion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- How to synergize and strengthen the current regional security architecture?</li> <li>2- How to effectively solve the conflict in the region?</li> </ol>
16:30 – 16:45	Closing Remark by <b>H.E. Dr. Nem Sowath</b>