

Call For Applications

The Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam) seeks qualified applicant to assist in the design, validation, implementation, distribution, collection, and collating of a public opinion poll on the disposition and custody of the archives of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC archive). Individuals and institutions are encouraged to apply. The budget will be from USD 25,000.00 to USD 30,000.00.

DC-Cam Background

DC-Cam has two main objectives: The first is to record and preserve the history of the Democratic Kampuchea (DK) regime for future generations. The second is to assemble and secure relevant original documents and materials which serve as potential evidentiary information in support of those who seek accountability for the crimes of the Khmer Rouge (KR). Maintaining the world largest repository of the KR documents, DC-Cam has taken the lead role in supplying the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) with half a million evidentiary documents and testimonial accounts of survivors of the Khmer Rouge era. Moreover, DC-Cam shares its documents with officials, scholars, and the general public in an impartial manner. These two main objectives—memory and justice—serve to build a foundation for the rule of law and a genuine national reconciliation.

ECCC Archive Issue Background

The disposition of the ECCC's archives remains an open question. During its operation, the ECCC has generated a considerable quantity of historical documentation resulting from the mass atrocity/genocide trials conducted under its authority. The documentation includes both public and confidential records of the tribunal's proceedings. The U.N. Ambassador to the ECCC has voiced strong support for the transfer of the ECCC archives to DC-Cam's custody; however, the U.N.'s official position remains undecided, and the Cambodian government has not reached a final decision on the matter. Because the ECCC is a hybrid tribunal, both the U.N. and Cambodian government have equal equity in the disposition of the archive.

Disposition of the archives is an issue of enormous importance not only for the perpetual legacy of the ECCC but also the preservation and security of the historical record for generations to come. Numerous outside observers have expressed profound concern about the historical accuracy and safety of ECCC records should they be transferred to the custody of a party susceptible to personal or political influence that may result in the contents of the archive being altered, otherwise compromised or even destroyed.

There is general agreement among the stakeholders that a survey of the Cambodian people should be conducted regarding these issues and that its results should be carefully considered by the decision makers regarding the disposition and custodianship of these important historical records.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Three to five years of experience in the various tasks associated with designing and implementing public surveys
- Demonstrated expertise in the administration of public surveys, including how to ensure that the random distribution of the survey reaches all stakeholder groups in the appropriate proportions
- Demonstrated experience in the logistics of distributing such surveys throughout a country like Cambodia
- Examples of survey instruments designed and used in public surveys
- Examples of final reports documenting the results of public surveys that withstand critical public scrutiny
- Documentation of costs associated with designing and conducting such surveys and preparation of final reports

Candidates who meet or exceed these qualifications should prepare a cover letter outlining their qualifications and expertise. Include with the cover letter documentation of relevant competence and experience as specified above. Candidates also should include a list of at least three professional references, including contact information, who are familiar with their work and accomplishments.

Completed applications and attached documentation should be sent via postal service to:

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Sangkat Tonle Bassac,
Khan Chamkar Mon,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Or via email to: truthpdara@dccam.org.

The closing date for receipt of applications is extended up to mid-September 2018.

Note: Only short-listed finalists will be contacted for interviews or additional information.