

# ប្រជុំមណ្ឌលឯកសារកម្ពុជា

## **Concept Paper on Genocide Education Project** **The Teaching of “A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)”** **at Secondary Schools and during the Foundation Year of Higher** **Education Institutions**

### **Collaboration between the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport** **and the Documentation Center of Cambodia**

**2011-2013**

#### **A. Project descriptions**

- The name of the project is Genocide Education Project: The Teaching of “A History of Democratic Kampuchea” at Secondary Schools and during the Foundation Year of Higher Education Institutions.
- The Institution in charge of implementing the project is the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEY).
- Financial and technical assistance is provided by the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam).
- The period of the project is from 2011 to 2013.
- The goal of the project is that 1,600 teachers receive training on the methodologies for teaching Democratic Kampuchea history between 2011 and 2013. So far, between 2008 and 2010, the project has already trained 1,057 teachers.
- In addition, the project will provide training to foundation year lecturers at around 200 higher education institutions during the period of this agreement.
- The purpose of the collaboration is to provide modern and effective methodologies for teaching Democratic Kampuchean history to teachers and students at the secondary schools and during the foundation year of higher education institutions. The training starts in 2011 and ends in 2013.

#### **1. Documents and capacity building**

- The book “A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979),” written by Dy Khamboly and published by the DC-Cam will be used as a core document for teacher trainings and for producing lesson plans in order to add to the existing content or to integrate lessons on the Khmer Rouge genocide into school curriculum.

- Updating of the Teacher's Guidebook on the teaching of *A History of Democratic Kampuchea* will be conducted by the MoEY in collaboration with the DC-Cam.
- 540 history teachers at the secondary school level receive trainings in 2011. DC-Cam will prepare trainings for Citizen Morality and Khmer Studies teachers subsequently.
- An annual meeting will be held with national and provincial teachers. The meeting will aim to strengthen teachers' capacity in conducting research and documenting Democratic Kampuchean history more effectively.
- Conducting quality control of the teaching of "A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)."
- Building genocide education memorials in all high schools nationwide. The memorial consists of two slogans which read: "Talking about experiences during the Khmer Rouge regime promotes reconciliation and educates children about forgiveness and tolerance" and "Learning about the history of Democratic Kampuchea prevents genocide."
- Distributing "A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)" to students nationwide.
- Conducting training on the methodologies in teaching Democratic Kampuchea history for lecturers of the foundation year at all Cambodian higher education institutions.
- Translating any professionally written ancient or contemporary books by Cambodian authors into English for foreigners. The first step is to translate "History from Our Village" written by national and provincial teachers.

## **2. Quality Control: Observation and strengthening the teaching in schools**

- Teacher trainings and observations of classroom teaching for the purpose of quality control will be conducted in 2011-2013. The results from the observations will be collected in order to make recommendations to improve the Teacher's Guidebook. The results will be used to assess the curriculum and develop the teaching of Democratic Kampuchea history to be more effective.

## **B. General conditions**

- DC-Cam supports the educational policy of the MoEY and respects the administrative work of the MoEY.
- DC-Cam cooperates closely with the MoEY in order to transfer skills and increase the capacity of expert officials of the MoEY more effectively.
- The release of any report or article which results from the collaboration between DC-Cam and the MoEY has to be recognized or approved by the MoEY.
- The MoEY will facilitate the provision of locations, as needed, to conduct the trainings for teachers specializing in History, Citizen Morality and Khmer Studies. The Ministry gives permission to the Ministry's officials and other related staff as described in **point A** to conduct work according to the agreed plan.
- The MoEY will assist DC-Cam in distributing 200,000 copies of "A History of Democratic Kampuchea" to all lower and upper secondary schools nationwide. So far, DC-Cam has already distributed 300,000 copies.
- The MoEY has the right to end the project's activities and the collaboration in case the Ministry sees that DC-Cam tends to serve a specific ideology or the interest of a political party or causes conflicts that are against state law.
- MoEY and DC-Cam shall evaluate the progress and effectiveness of the project's implementation at least three months before the end of the project in order to decide whether to end or to continue the project.

The purpose of this concept paper on the teaching of "A History of Democratic Kampuchea" is to describe the activities in which MoEY and DC-Cam will collaborate over a three-year period, ensuring their practicality and the parties' confidence beforehand. This concept paper does not create legal obligations, but is a joint agreement identifying the project responsibilities of MoEY and DC-Cam. The original of this document is written in Khmer.

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