

GENOCIDE EDUCATION PROJECT

**The Teaching of "A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)"
With the Cooperation of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport**

Since the fall of the Democratic Kampuchea regime in January 1979, the efforts in teaching the history of this regime to Cambodian people, especially the young generation, has been made in many ways, including teaching at schools as political propaganda to gain international community supports and telling stories by parents to their children. By these means, the teaching of history is thought not to be enough and persistent.

28 years later, a new textbook *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)* was published for the first time in 2007. This textbook was written by Kamboly Dy, a Cambodian researcher working at the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam) with the financial support from Endowment for Democracy and Open Society Institute. Mr. Dy took three years to make the publication of this textbook possible. This textbook was reviewed by the Government Reviewing Committee and finally approved to be the supplementary material to the teaching of DK regime in secondary schools throughout Cambodia. By now, a total of 300,000 copies of DK history textbooks were distributed freely to students across the country.

In 2009, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Education, DC-Cam produced a Teacher's Guidebook for teachers to teach the DK history textbook. The guidebook is designed specially for history teachers and on the purpose that teachers are able to teach DK history textbook objectively and pedagogically. In addition, the student workbook is being finalized before going to the printing shop so that it will help students understand the textbook comprehensively.

From June 29 to July 7, 2009, DC-Cam with the support from Belgium, Sida (Sweden), USAID, OSI, Denmark and others held a workshop to train 24 national teachers from the Ministry of Education and 15 DC-Cam staff members on the methodology to teach the DK history and other related topics such as genocides and mass atrocities in other countries and international law. International and national scholars were invited to participate and assist this workshop. In late 2009, DC-Cam with 39 national trainers conducted the second national training workshop by which 180 provincial teachers received this training successfully.

As a result of the second training, an enhancing capacity opening workshop will be held for three days in Siem Reap province. All provincial teachers will participate in this workshop to receive more comprehensive information and knowledge before further transferring the teaching skill of KD history to 1,627 local history teachers. The first actual local teacher training will be conducted on April 5-11 in four provincial training centers including Kampot, Preah Sihanouk, Stung Treng and Kratie. Local teachers from Kampot, Kep, Preah Sihanouk, Koh Kong, Kratie,

Mondul Kiri, Ratanak Kiri, Preah Vihear and Stung Treng provinces will participate in this training.

The following information highlights only the programs for the opening workshop in Siem Reap Province.

Opening Ceremony for Commune Teacher Training **Angkor Mondial Restaurant, Siem Reap** **28 March 2010**

March 27, 2010	Participant arrival in Siem Reap
8:00-12:00	Register for accommodation
12:00-2:00	Lunch
2:00-5:00	Stage preparation and check (For DC-Cam only)
March 28, 2010	Opening Ceremony at Angkor Mondial Restaurant
8:00-8:30	Attendance Registration
8:30-10:00	The Ceremony starts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Arrival of H.E. Chumteav Tun Sa-im, Under Secretary of State of Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport▪ National Anthem of the Kingdom of Cambodia▪ Welcome speech by Dara P. Vanthan, DC-Cam's Deputy Director▪ Speech by H.E. Chumteav Tun Sa-im▪ Certificate conferring ceremony for 180 provincial teachers by H.E. Chumteav Tun Sa-im▪ Departure of H.E. Chumteav Tun Sa-im
10:15-10:30	Tea break
10:30-11:30	Prosecution of Case 002 by Co-Prosecutor Andrew T. Cayley Translator: Mr. Chy Terith
11:30-12:30	Research methodology by Mr. Youk Chhang, DC-Cam's Director and Professor Sambo Manara <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Purpose of the teaching of <i>A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)</i>▪ Documentation at the archives of DC-Cam▪ Historical documentation (Original and secondary)
12:30-1:30	Lunch (Buffet)
1:30-3:00	Methodology in teaching of <i>A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)</i> by Mr. Christopher Dearing, interpreting by Mr. Kok-Thay Eng, DC-Cam's Deputy Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review on Guidebook for Teacher and Student Workbook▪ Presentation of model lesson

- 3:00-3:15 Tea break
- 3:15-5:00 Information of group division and assignment
- Kampot (Kampot plus Kep)
 - Preah Sihanouk (Preah Sihanouk plus Koh Kong)
 - Kratie (Kratie plus Mondul Kiri)
 - Stung Treng (Stung Treng plus Preah Vihear and Ratanak Kiri)
- By Mr. Pongrasy Pheng
- Group for each province
 - Review on expectation of national, provincial and local teachers: Role and duty
 - Discussion on group division
 - Discussion on cultural temple visit
- 5:00-6:00 Discussing dialogue on "*Breaking the Silence*"
- 6:00 Dinner (Buffet)
- March 29, 2010** Cultural Ancient Temple Visit
- 8:00-8:30 Gathering in front of Angkor Mondial Restaurant (Buses Provided)
- 8:30-12:00 Departure to following cultural ancient temples:
- Banteay Srei
 - Banteay Samre
 - Banteay Kdei
 - Ta Prum
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (own packing lunch)
- 1:00-6:00 Continue trip to visit other temples:
- Ta Keo
 - Bayon
 - Angkor Wat
 - Bak Kheng
- March 30, 2010** Return home

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