


# THE SLEUK RITH INSTITUTE

THE SLEUK RITH INSTITUTE IS A BOLD AND AMBITIOUS PROJECT  
TO RECONCILE THE DESTRUCTIVE LEGACY OF THE KHMER  
ROUGE WITH CAMBODIA'S ENDURING CULTURAL  
HERITAGE THROUGH A FOCUS ON  
THE TIMELESS VALUES OF  
JUSTICE, MEMORY,  
AND HEALING.



"Youk Chhang's vision is inspirational. We look forward to [realizing] his vision in a contemporary building that remembers that heritage, but also reflects the unwavering belief and optimism for the future using education, understanding and inspiration to positively engage visitors." - Zaha Hadid, Architect





## THE INSTITUTE: A PLACE FOR MEMORY, JUSTICE & HEALING

It is a worthy, noble cause – one that will educate, impact and influence generations to come. Through research and healing, Cambodians along with supporters the world over will be able to reconcile these atrocities with the rich culture, heritage, and spirit of Cambodia.

### THE INSTITUTE WILL:

- › Provide access to an archive of documents, photographs, and other evidence of the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge regime
- › Align the destructive legacy of the Khmer Rouge regime in the much broader and richer context of Cambodia's enduring cultural heritage
- › Establish Asia's pre-eminent center for comparative research, analysis and interpretation on genocide, conflict and human rights with working space and library services
- › Construct a prestigious post-graduate academy to prepare prospective government and civic leaders, building on international best practices and Cambodian history, politics and culture
- › Pursue a design and image for the complex that powerfully embrace remembrance, healing and restoration in the context of timeless Asian humanitarian values and design
- › Meaningfully transition away from traditional genocide and war crimes memorial architecture with a vision brought to life by renowned architect Zaha Hadid



## SCHOOL OF GENOCIDE, CONFLICT & HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES **Keeping the MEMORY Alive**

Although archives and survivors provide the factual and emotional basis for memory, Cambodia's future generations will carry on the processes of collective healing and ensuring justice. Although primarily focused on Cambodians, it will recruit outstanding candidates regionally and internationally to join their Cambodian colleagues to jointly craft strategies and policies oriented toward creation of a future of increased understanding, empathy and justice.

## RESEARCH AND NATIONAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT **Fostering a Nation of JUSTICE**

The Research and National Policy Development Center will serve as a regional hub for research in the fields of crimes against humanity and sustainable development, building on the Document Center of Cambodia's tradition of hosting 100 research visitors annually. Drawing on the Document Center of Cambodia's vast archives, scholars from a variety of pursuits will engage in diverse research projects designed to impact policy-making at the national, regional and international levels.

## MUSEUM OF MEMORY **Creating Space for HEALING**

The Museum will invoke the history of the Khmer Rouge in the lengthy context of Cambodia's rich cultural, religious and architectural history, emphasizing integration and reconciliation. In collaboration with 24 museums dispersed throughout Cambodia, the Museum of Memory will curate local exhibitions to intensify the population's exposure, awareness, and reconciliation on multiple levels of perception and understanding.



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EDUCATION INSTITUTE  
IN CAMBODIA**



## A LEGACY RENEWED: BRINGING THE DC-CAM MISSION INTO THE FUTURE

Since 1995, Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-CAM) has been at the forefront of efforts to document the crimes against humanity and other abuses committed by the Khmer Rouge regime during its four-year reign of terror. The Sleuk Rith Institute will elevate and extend the work of DC-Cam, honoring and perpetuating the memory of the victims and survivors. It is only through an understanding of crimes against humanity and their consequences, alongside examples of resiliency of spirit, will we ensure such atrocities never happen again.

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