# OUR VISION FOR THE BUILDING COMPLEX

In 2011, we plan to begin constructing the Sleuk Rith Institute. We envision a small campus with multiple buildings. At the core of the Institute will be space for museum exhibits, a library, a documentation storage facility, administrative and research offices, classrooms, and modest conference facilities.

TOTAL AREA: 4.700 m<sup>2</sup>

# PROGRAM SUMMARY

MUSEUM SPACE: 1,954 m

A Permanent Exhibition: "April 17" Entry Hall: "Memory of Our Nation"

**Temporary Exhibitions** 

Reception Hall

Discovery Room

Museum Storage

Museum Exhibition Workspace

Document Restoration/Conservation

Performance/Screening/Lecture Hall

**Assembly Storage** 

Café/Kitchen

Gift/Book Shop &Tour Office

Coat Check

### SCHOOL & LIBRARY SPACE: 4,856m

### **General Teaching**

Regular Classrooms

Seminar/Conference Room

Computer Lab

**Professor Offices** 

**Visiting Scholar Offices** 

Main Office Reception/Bursar

Director/Principal Office

Conference/Board Room

Academic Guidance Counselor's Office

### Library

Stacks

Reception/Librarian/Circulation Desks

General Reading/Study Spaces

Printing Room

Film & Audio-Visual Library

Microfilm Reading Room

Archive Room

### **RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATION & MEDIA SPACE: 892m**

# **Research Department**

Research Offices

Victim of Torture Program Office

Mental Health Research Room

Space for Healing

Copy/Scanning/Archive/Documentation

Storage Facility
Data Entry

### **Administration Department**

Main Office Reception

Director's Office

Director's Board Room/Receiving Room

General Administration Offices

Staff Kitchen, Lounge

# Media Department

Film & Audio-Visual Workspace

Magazine

Radio Broadcasting

Newspaper Printing Shop

#### SITE STUDIES

Outside of the buildings, we plan to erect a memorial to honor victims of the Cambodian tragedy. Functionally and aesthetically, the Sleuk Rith Institute will house tranquil spaces in which scholars and visitors can engage in study, contemplation, and recreation.

# MANAGING THE INSTITUTE

DC-Cam is operated by Cambodians and led by an executive management team including a Director, three Deputy Directors, and a Director of Finance. We currently have 45 Cambodian staff members and volunteers, supervised by a Board of Directors of nine Cambodian experts in documentation issues with support from an international Board of Associate Advisors.

#### DC-CAM'S MANAGEMENT TEAM

Our Executive Director is **Youk Chhang**, a survivor of the Khmer Rouge "killing fields." He has led DC-Cam since our inception as an independent Cambodian NGO. Time magazine named him one of 60 "Asian heroes" in 2006 and one of the world's 100 most influential people in 2007 for his courageous stand against impunity. He is a renowned leader in the campaign against genocide, appearing regularly in the international and Cambodian press.

- Our Deputy Director for legal and outreach affairs is Dara P. Vanthan. He has worked with the Center since 1995, leading our efforts to promote legal accountability for the Khmer Rouge. He holds an LL.M. from the Notre Dame University School of Law.
- Kosal Phat is our Deputy Director for educational and publishing affairs. As a founding member of our staff, he helped launch our documentation and publication programs. He has a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Southern California.
- Kok-Thay Eng is our Deputy Director in charge of museum exhibits and historical research.
   He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Global Affairs at Rutgers University, where he is writing a dissertation on genocide education in Cambodia.
- Our Director of Finance is **Sophorn Huy**. She has managed the Center's financial operations since 2003 and holds a B.A. from Norton University in banking and finance.
- Our Director of Database and Digitization is Sampeou Ros. Since 1996, he has been in charge of electronically archiving and digitizing hundreds of thousands of Khmer Rouge documents and images. He holds a B.A. from Build Bright University and has received professional training in Australia, Canada and USA.

Our staff and key advisors include many rising leaders of the Cambodian generation that came of age after the Khmer Rouge period, both inside and outside of the country. Many have received advance degree training at leading international universities. These include

Pivoine Beang (Gothenburg), Charya Chum (Temple), Terith Chy (Hong Kong), Khamboly Dy (Rutgers), Dacil Keo (Wisconsin), Dany Long (Coventry), Sok-Kheang Ly (Coventry), Pechet Men (Chulalongkorn), Kalyanee Mam (Yale and UCLA), Socheat Nhean (Northern Illinois), Phalla Prum (Coventry and Rutgers), Sayana Ser (Wageningen), Savina Sirik (Coventry), Farina So (Ohio) and Irene Sokha (Melbourne). We also have staff members proficient in numerous languages, including Arabic, Chinese, French, Thai, and Vietnamese.

#### **OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ADVISORY BOARD**

A nine-member Board of Directors, all of whom are Cambodian, supervises the Center with support from an international advisory board. Our Board of Directors includes recognized experts on finance, academic research, law, and documentation methods. Our international advisory board comprises experts in law, finance, management, and public policy.

# **OUR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

We take great pride in the efficiency, transparency, and integrity of our financial management. Our Director of Finance leads a team of four carefully selected and well-trained staff accountants. We use QuickBooks accounting software and follow U.S. generally agreed accounting principles. Our team has worked with expert Board members to develop a detailed accounting manual, which sets forth practices to help us record data clearly and correctly and prepare exemplary financial statements. Among other things, we segregate all of our expenditures by project to provide a precise and detailed record of the manner in which we use both core budgetary funds and project-specific grants. Each year, we hire an external auditor (PriceWaterhouseCoopers) to audit our financial report and make the findings available to donors and the public. We also maintain our financial reports and original receipts for ten years. We have experience working with a wide range of donors and have frequently been singled out for the excellence of our financial management systems.

# STRONG INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

In addition to our strong management team, DC-Cam's success owes much to the strong support we have enjoyed from the international community.

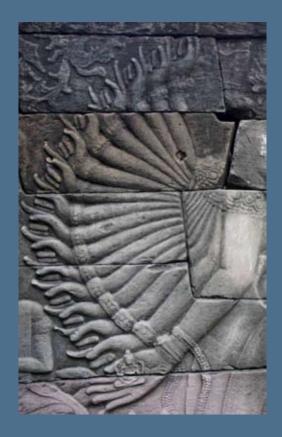
#### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

DC-Cam has received generous financial contributions from public and private donors around the world. Our leading donors include the governments of the United States, Sweden, The Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, and Canada. We have also enjoyed the support of foundations and institutes such as the Open Society Institute, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the National Endowment for Democracy, and the J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation.

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student volunteers, including guest researchers and participants in our annual summer legal associate program. We look forward to working with our international network of supporters to realize our shared vision for the future.



# FINANCING THE INSTITUTE

We have long enjoyed the generous support of a variety of government donors for our annual programs. We have also gratefully received funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to establish an endowment, which currently totals \$4.25 million. Establishing the Sleuk Rith Institute will require significant additional donor support, and we are actively engaged in fundraising to make our vision a reality.

#### **OUR GOALS**

Our aim is to effectively advance justice, education, and human rights in Cambodia. To do so, we seek to raise funds for the creation of the Institute, build an endowment that can finance approximately 25% of our future recurrent operations, and increase our strong base of existing donors by reaching out to governments, foundations, and concerned individuals. We have undertaken detailed preliminary studies to assess the likely costs of establishing and operating the Institute.

Based on those studies, we have set a target of raising \$12 million in capital. In 2010, we hope to raise at least \$2 million, which will enable us to complete a campus design and commence building construction. We aim to reach our overall target by the end of 2011.

#### **OUR STRATEGY**

We have won strong political support for the Institute from the Royal Government of Cambodia, U.S. government, and a number of other donor states and are optimistic that we will be able to make our vision for the Sleuk Rith Institute a reality. We are now enlisting expert fundraising assistance and embarking on a multi-faceted strategy to raise funds for the Institute:

• Existing Donors. We have long benefited from the generosity of foreign governments and are hopeful that we will continue to receive their financial support, either through a one-time contribution to our endowment or through extended funding arrangements.

- Private and Non-Governmental Groups. We are also sending our proposal to selected private foundations, which we expect to play a key role in the expansion of our financial support base for the Institute.
- Individuals. Last but not least, we will approach Cambodians, expatriate Cambodian
  communities, and other members of the international community for smaller contributions.
   Even token gifts from survivors of the Khmer Rouge regime and other concerned individuals
  will demonstrate strong public support for our mission.



# DESIGNING THE PERMANENT CENTER



We have solicited design ideas from architects around the world and chose the submission of **David Salazar**, a widely recognized architect based in **New York City**, as our preferred design concept. We are now working together to bring that concept to fruition.

Mr. Salazar has experience designing acclaimed art museums and galleries, schools, and other urban buildings and complexes in the United States, Europe, and Africa. He holds degrees in architecture from UC-Berkeley, project management from Harvard, and real estate development from Columbia. He now heads the DTSalazar studio in New York. He has also worked with the celebrated architect Zaha Hadid in London, taught design studios and workshops at UC-Berkeley, the University of Innsbruck, and Columbia University, and has been a guest critic at several leading institutions.

We have also begun the process of seeking a local architectural partner and appropriate design and project management consultants. To construct the buildings, we plan to retain the expert builder and contracting supervisor **Paul Redfern** of Red Furnesse Co. Ltd. He brings expertise from Australia and from years managing some of the most prominent building projects in Phnom Penh. We plan to break ground in late 2010 and to complete the project by 2012.

# PRESS RELEASE

# DC-Cam Signs Agreements with U.S. Government for \$3.35 million

Agreements were recently signed between the United States government and DC-Cam to provide \$3.35 million to the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam) in continued support of the Center's work on documenting the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge regime. U.S. support for research on the Khmer Rouge regime began in 1994 when the Congress passed the Cambodian Genocide Justice Act. This legislation provided funding to Yale University's Cambodian Genocide Program which in 1995 created DC-Cam as its satellite office in Phnom Penh. The Center quickly developed and in 1997 became an independent research center that is known today as the world's largest archive of Khmer Rouge related documents.

Of the \$3.35 million, \$2 million will go towards the Center's endowment, doubling the endowment total amount to \$4 million. The endowment agreement allows for up to \$700,000 to be used for the establishment of a new permanent center, the Sleuk Rith Institute. The new center will be built on 4,800 square meters of land that was generously donated by Cambodia's Ministry of Education. This parcel of land, located next to the Royal University of Law and Economics, was the former site of a Khmer Rouge prison. The Sleuk Rith Institute seeks to be an educational, research, and outreach hub in Asia, offering museum exhibitions, courses in genocide studies and relevant topics, a public library, theater performances, and a memorial dedicated to victims of the Khmer Rouge regime.

The remaining \$1.35 million will be used for continued support for core operations including the continuation of evidence gathering to support the ECCC's work; the digitization of over one million Khmer Rouge documents; the publication of a family tracing book containing more than one million names; and the Genocide Education project which trains and equips 3,000 high school teachers with the necessary resources and methodologies to teach about the history of Democratic Kampuchea to one million high school students.

DC-Cam will also focus its outreach activities in preparation for Case 002, expected to commence in late 2010 or early 2011. Case 002 is the most important Khmer Rouge trial because it involves the four most senior leaders who are still alive: Nuon Chea, leng Sary, leng Thirith, and Khieu Samphan. DC-Cam plans to carry out similar activities for the second trial including bringing survivors to attend trial hearings and visit genocide memorial sites, organizing workshops that explain court processes and terminology, and assisting victims in their quest to file complaints to the ECCC. For many survivors, this case will provide answers to their long-awaited questions about the Khmer Rouge regime and has the chance to offer them justice for the pain and suffering they've borne for over twenty-five years.

In the coming years DC-Cam will continue to pursue its long-standing mission of promoting memory, justice, and reconciliation. The Center will compile further evidence of genocide and crimes against humanity and work to educate Cambodians on the historical facts regarding the Khmer Rouge regime. DC-Cam's work will focus on the needs of ordinary Cambodian people-victims and their descendants who are the key to the country's past, present, and future.