

Academician Sok Touch
President, Royal Academy of Cambodia (RAC)



The Royal Academy of Cambodia (RAC) is mandated to conduct research in all fields of the social and natural sciences, providing substantive contributions to the Royal Government of Cambodia. RAC is also responsible for offering MA and PhD training programs to support the nation's rapid development through a knowledge-based approach. In addition, RAC is committed to fostering a long-term vision for the country by replacing habitual practices with research-driven principles—a philosophy embodied in my proverb: “The Angkorian Bridge endures, generation after generation.”

I believe that holding a position of honor is not merely decorative; it is a profound responsibility. It requires unwavering determination to lead this institution toward significant scientific progress. My foremost commitment is to transform RAC into not only a “Center of Excellent Inputs” for national development but also a premier institution that provides premier opportunities for both national and international experts. I affirm that RAC has always welcomed intellectuals who share its vision for advancing the country.

HISTORY

The Royal Academy of Cambodia was originally established by Royal Decree on 25 August 1965. Unfortunately, due to the outbreak of war in Cambodia by 1970, its operations were suspended.

On 11 May 1999, RAC was re-established by Royal Decree No. NS/RKT/0599/97 during the second term of the Royal Government of Cambodia. Then, on 26 December 2019, the Royal Academy of Cambodia officially became a public administrative institution.

VISION

To transform the Royal Academy of Cambodia into a leading institution—both nationally and regionally—for developing human capital and enhancing research across all fields in Cambodia and abroad to meet international standards.

MISSION

- **Expand Research:** Manage and broaden research in Khmer studies and in all academic fields in Cambodia.

- **Foster Cooperation:** Establish local and international partnerships in academic research and publications.
- **Preserve Knowledge:** Collect and safeguard research findings on Cambodia from regional and global sources.
- **Enhance Education:** Support and expand MA and PhD training programs.
- **Evaluate Achievements:** Review and assess research accomplishments.
- **Promote Social Progress:** Analyze social evolution and contribute to societal development.

STRATEGIC PLANS

1. Strengthen general management.
2. Enhance academic research, forums, and publications.
3. Foster collaboration with local and international partners.
4. Expand technical capabilities and secure research funding.
5. Broaden and improve graduate training programs.
6. Reassess and expand the research framework.

INSTITUTES

- Institute of Culture and Fine Arts
- Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Institute of Biology, Medicine, and Agriculture
- Institute of Science and Technology
- Institute of National Language
- International Relations Institute of Cambodia (IRIC)
- China Study Institute
- Chinese Pedagogy Institute
- Mozi institute

STRUCTURE

- **H.E. Academician Sok Touch, President**
- **H.E. Dr. Yang Peou, Secretary General**

ANNEXED DEPARTMENTS

- National Council of Khmer Language
- Confucius Center, Royal Academy of Cambodia
- Asia Research Center
- Techo Sen Russey Treb Park
- Cabinet Office
- Secretariat General
(Overseeing administration, research processes, communications, and public relations with both local and international partners.)
- Department of Administration and Finance
- Secretariat of the Academician Group
- Department of Training and Research
- Department of Library and Publication
- Department of Public Relations and Hospitality
- Foreign Language Center and Translation
- Media Group

ACADEMICIAN COUNCILS

- **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Academician Hun Sen**
Former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Honorable President
- **H.E. Akka Binditspheacha Aun Pornmoniroth**
Senior Minister of Economy and Finance, President
- **H.E. Academician Hang Chuon Naron**
Minister of Education, Youth, and Sports, Vice President
- **H.E. Academician Sok Touch**
President of the Royal Academy of Cambodia, Vice President
- **H.E. Academician Khlout Thyda**
Former President of RAC (2009–2017)


- **H.E. Academician Sorn Samnang**
Former President of RAC (2000–2009)

Note: *Currently, there are fifteen academicians, including two serving abroad.*


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