

Dear Supporters of Golden Futures,


Another year has passed and another group of volunteers from Golden Futures have come and gone. As must have been the case in the previous years we arrived with eagerness and anticipation and have left taking nothing but memories and hopefully leaving a great deal more.

This year we were a smaller group than in previous years due to unfortunate circumstances but we've worked hard and well together to try and meet as many of our objectives as possible.

One of our main goals this year was to update the Phnom Penh University Guide. We took some inspiration from last year's group and decided to revamp the structure of the guide based on interview feedback from prospective university students. There are two main sections: a course catalogue and a university prospectus. The course catalogue lists popular fields of study with information on career prospects, course availability according to universities

included in the guide, and internship availability. The university prospectus offers information on contact details, admission requirements, tuition fees and scholarship offers, as well as quotes from current students on what they like most about university life. This year we've increased the number of universities to 30 and the bilingual guide is now 120 pages long! We have also managed to secure 80 orders for the guide, an increase of 47 from last year's print run!

Cambodian Mekong University




Scholarships:
Depends on grades. Students must also sit an additional examination. 16th September 2012: Scholarship Examination.

Tuition Fees:
Bachelor Degree: Finance and Banking \$750/year
International Business: \$1,600/year
English for Business: \$1,600/year
All other courses: \$650/year
Associate Degree: \$400/year

Admissions:
Associate Degree: Completion of Grade 12.
Bachelor Degree: High School Diploma.

Contact Details:
www.mekong.edu.kh
info@mekong.edu.kh
092 29 77 22

"I study here because the teachers are very friendly and knowledgeable. I like the other students here too."
King Borthavet



Cambodian University for Specialties



Scholarships:
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport allocate 100 full scholarships.

Admissions:
Foundation Year / Bachelor Degree: Senior High School Certificate or an equivalent.
Associate Degree: Senior High School Certificate or failed Senior High School or an equivalent.


Tuition Fees:
Bachelor Degree: \$500/year
Associate Degree: \$450/year

Contact Details:
www.cus.edu.kh
info@cus.edu.kh
023 350 828

"There are local campuses to study in here and we also have links with international Universities. The tuition fees are affordable too!"
Lin Kiman



GEOGRAPHY




ABOUT: Study the social and physical processes that shape a location over time.

CAREERS: Urban planning, community development and writer/researcher.

COURSES AVAILABLE
*Geography

| UNIVERSITY | COURSES | Internships |
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| Cambodian University for Specialties | *Geography | |
| Royal University of Phnom Penh | *Geography | |
| University of Cambodia | *Geography | |

HISTORY



ABOUT: A degree in history focuses on the interpretation of the past, criticizing evidence and theories about events.

CAREERS: Teaching, law, social work, business administration.

COURSES AVAILABLE
*Ancient History
*Archaeology
*Ethnography
*History

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| Cambodian University for Specialties | *History | |
| International University | *History | AVAILABLE |
| Pannasatra University | *History | |
| Royal University of Fine Arts | *Ancient History *Archaeology *Ethnography | |
| Royal University of Phnom Penh | *History | |
| University of Cambodia | *History* | |

*Associate Degree also available for this course

Pages from the new Phnom Penh University Guide



Sean Channy, Sao Pheasa, So Vannak, Pet Sreyvov and Cheat Hean on a university visit

What's more, we've taken time to organise visits to five universities for Grade 12 children and some interested Grade 11'ers. This provided an excellent opportunity for students to ask questions about their course of interest and the university, and allowed them to make a more informed decision about their further studies. The children were highly enthusiastic and were a credit to themselves whilst on the visits.

Following on from the work of previous volunteers we've also held a number of career support workshops both for the NFC centre and external organisations. We've helped students understand the importance of a CV and cover letter from an employer's perspective, stressing what to include and what to avoid mentioning. Additional workshops on how best to prepare for interviews and how to behave and perform during an internship were also well-received.



CV Workshop with New Future for Children and A New Day Cambodia

For the young adults looking to start university, Golden Future's well-established microfinance scheme was of particular interest. Through close mentoring we were able to assess the necessity of a loan for four students and guide them through the application. All their applications were accepted by the loans committee, and they will be starting their courses in the autumn.

A number of children have also expressed interest in work experience in particular sectors including Business, Architecture and Tourism. We have found increasing difficulty in securing placements as companies are unwilling to provide training for students who are only able to commit to a short tenure due to ongoing school obligations. Nonetheless we have been able to help secure one placement and arrange interviews for two students with prestigious firms!

To conclude, Summer 2012 has been a successful project for Golden Futures in light of some difficulties. We were able build upon an already well-received Phnom Penh University Guide and increase its accessibility. We were also able to continue in assisting in the development of the students as they look to enter a new chapter in their lives. We know there is still a lot to offer the young children of Cambodia and we need your support to continue to make a difference in their lives. Please visit our website, www.goldenfutures.org.uk, for details on how you can help us give these children the opportunities they deserve!



The Summer 2012 Volunteers with NFC's Chris Merritt



Graduates of Grade 9 and Grade 12