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THE PREAH SIHANOUK RAJ ACADEMY

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Press Release

The Preah Sihanouk Raj Academy announced that it has received a one-year research grant from the United States' National Endowment for Democracy for a project entitled "Economic Education and Policy Reform." The director of the year long project is Dr. Thach Bunroeun, Founder and Executive Vice-President of the Academy. The grant will be supervised by the Center for International Private Enterprise in Washington, D.C.

The project has four main objectives:

- To initiate business advocacy efforts in Cambodia and create a positive and productive dialogue between government and business on economic policies issues;
- To help formulate policies, laws and regulations that promote a more open economic environment of Cambodia that is conducive to private sector-led economic growth;
- To promote greater awareness of and participation in economic policy making in Cambodia by communicating policy recommendations to the public through opinion leaders and the mass media, thereby encouraging greater accountability in governance;
- To provide the Cambodian business community with a sound model on which to build its own future business advocacy activities.

In order to achieve these objectives, project's activities are designed to provide a vehicle through which business can express its views and make a positive contribution to economic policy formulation. Through this process, the program can strengthen the capacity of Cambodian decision-makers in the legislative and executive branches to make and implement informed decisions on economic policy.

The project will over the course of the coming year produce four white papers on economic and business issues in consultation with Cambodian government officials and Cambodian business leaders.

The Preah Sihanouk Raj Academy would like to invite those interested in participating in such discussions to contact the Academy at 169 Mao Tse Tuong Boulevard or at phone number 362091/362092 or 011-2601, and fax: 364762