

Phnom Penh Post

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Dear Mike Squires,

Thank you for your recent letter while it seems like you have a lot of experience, at present we don't have any openings for expat reporters.

Instead we are trying to hire Cambodian reporters as we both need the language skills and to keep our costs down.

But if you do get to Cambodia, please feel free to stop by and say hello. We welcome articles on a freelance basis but it's difficult to survive on that alone.

Sincerely,

Michael Hayes

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Dear Mr Hayes,

As an experienced news reporter and feature writer who has worked in the UK and Hong Kong I am writing in response to a recent advertisement for journalists in the Phnom Penh Post.

Since graduating from Oxford University with a 2.1 degree in Modern History in 1990, I have been working as a journalist, first as a reporter, feature writer and environment correspondent for a regional newspaper in England, then as a freelance contributing to The Times and The Daily Telegraph in London.

From there I progressed to the Eastern Express in Hong Kong, where I gained a valuable insight into the issues confronting the territory on the eve of its handover to China.

I returned to London in September 1995 to take up a place on an MSc course in the International Politics of Asia and Africa at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), part of London University, which will finish in June. The course has added greatly to my understanding of the issues facing East Asia, including the politics of Cambodia since independence.

I am planning to return to Asia this summer and would appreciate the chance to discuss any openings with you. I enclose a copy of my CV and some examples of my work. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



Nick Squires