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Press Release

Venerable Kou Sopheap will be an Honorary Speaker in a Penal Discussion on "Contextualized Transitional Justice: Exploring the Influence of Faith Traditions on Reconciliation and Memorialization"

Venerable Dr. Kou Sopheap, a prominent Buddhist monk in Cambodia, will be an honorary speaker in a penal discussion on "Contextualized Transitional Justice: Exploring the Influence of Faith Traditions on Reconciliation and Memorialization." on Friday, August 16, 2024, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Multifunctional Room (2nd Floor) of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) Resource Centre, located at Building No. 40, Russian Federation Blvd, Mittapheap, 7 Makara District, Phnom Penh.

This discussion is co-organized by the ECCC and the Southeast Asia University Program (SAUP) of GIZ's Peacebuilding Partnership. The event is expected to host (please check) around 50 participants, including professors, researchers, and educators from universities in Cambodia, the Philippines, Germany, and Timor-Leste.

During the discussion, Venerable Dr. Kou Sopheap will deliver a speech on "Transitional Justice" within the context of Buddhist beliefs. The event will also feature representatives from Islam and Christianity who will discuss "Transitional Justice" within their respective religious frameworks.

Media Guidelines

For media representatives who wish to attend and report on this event, please register by contacting the following:

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Note to Editor:

ECCC Achievement from January to June 2024

Based on the spirit of the "Addendum to the Agreement on the Transitional Arrangement and Completion of Work of the ECCC" in 2021 between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations, the ECCC is mandated to carry out several essential residual functions, judicial and non-judicial functions, for the initial three-year period from 2023 to 2025. From the beginning of 2023, the national and international components of the ECCC commenced to perform its residual functions for the initial year and completed many important achievements as following:

- Transferred Khieu Samphan, 94 years old, to Kandal provincial prison on 30 January 2023 to practice his life imprisonment. Currently, the ECCC has been monitoring the execution of this offender with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) based on international norms and practices and the spirit of the above agreement.
- ➤ Following the decision in the final Judgment of Case 002/02, about 3,100 Civil Parties, equivalent to 80% of the total 3,875 civil parties who have been living in 25 provincial capitals notified about the ECCC's current achievements and implementation of the residual functions.
- Approximately 220,000 pages of case 002 documents were classified from the most confidential and confidential documents into the public and is reviewing other remaining 2 million pages.
- ➤ Managed and officially launched the "ECCC Resource Centre" On September 27, 2023. This resource centre consists of six components, four components were already built and operating, including:
 - 1. Library and research space
 - 2. Archives Repository
 - 3. Moot Court
 - 4. Interactive Features

Other two more components are:

- A warm reception will welcome members of the public, provide exhibitions of the ECCC accountability process and offer consultation rooms for victimsurvivors and Civil Parties.
- Remembrance and reflection areas will provide the public a space to commemorate events and honour victim-survivors is constructed and
- From January 2023 to June 2024, conducted two-day outreach study tour per week for 40,293 youth, students, teachers and publics to learn about ECCC achievements, visit Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, Choeung Ek Genocide Centre and Win-Win Memorial.
- ➤ Produced video series on ECCC functional contents especially "Educational and disseminated video series". 42 video series on questions and answer about ECCC in seven cases were produced. The program aims to broaden the understanding of Cambodian youth in relation to the serious crimes and atrocities of the Khmer Rouge regime through popular youth media such as Facebook, Telegram, YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and Television as well.
- ➤ Eight Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were signed with national and international institutions to exchange the knowledge, experience, ECCC Jurisprudences related with transitional justice which resolved after the arm conflict and trials.