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*TOPIC:*

*BEING YOUTH IN THIS GENERATION  
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*A LEADER OF THE NEXT, HOW DO YOU  
CONTRIBUTE TO CAMBODIA?*

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# DEFINITION: YOUTH & LEADER

- According to the Youth & United Nations, youth is considered as a people who are between the age of 15 and 24.
- Youths are similar to the diamond that has not been processed to be a valuable mine or diamond.
- Elders and society must take a part in providing guidance to all youths. Once we do not guide them in a right way, the fate of country will fall into the dark moment along with severe tragedy
- Leader is a person who influences a group of people towards the achievement of a goal.
- The fate of the whole country is now under the leader's hand and is influencing to youths in this generation and continue to affect to the next one;



# BEING YOUTH IN THIS GENERATION

- Being a good citizen : study hard, rule obeying, ...
- Being in positive way for the country developing.

## WHAT and HOW can I SHARE?

- . Studying experiences as a senior student.
- . Experiences studying abroad and how to get scholarship.
- . Scholarship information
- . Special events: barcamp Phnom Penh, local & international conference & workshop, competition, award, etc

What?

Internet Networking: facebook, twitter, or e-mail group  
Student Forum Program in a University  
Face to Face

How?

- ❖ Brightening up their future and what way they will choose for their bright future.
- ❖ Helping them to reach these information they do not expect to know.
- ❖ Youths can pay more attention to participating in social activities, taking challenges, get more new experiences to be a value resource for the country.

# BEING YOUTH IN THIS GENERATION (CONT')

- “One society can be developed unless there is a participation from all the people in the society”, so **participation in the society** is really important for me either volunteer or charity.
- To be **a role model** for the next generation
- “ Do you know Cambodia? ”; the Answer is “ **NO**, I don’t know where Cambodia is. ”
- “ Do you know Cambodia? ”; the Answer is “ **Yes**. But Cambodia has nowhere to visit except Angkor Wat Temple.”



# BEING YOUTH IN THIS GENERATION (CONT')

- Promoting Cambodian culture and Cambodia to not only ASEAN and Korea, but also the world.
  - ➔ monitoring the Cambodia's current situation



- ➔ making a good image of Cambodia to foreigners' mind
- ➔ motivating tourists to choose Cambodia as one of their destinations



# LEADER OF THE NEXT-CURRENT MAJOR PROBLEMS

- The main problem is POVERTY.
- According to the General Population Census 2008, National Institute of Statistics, 80.5% of Cambodians are living in rural area.
- The 35% of Cambodians live below the national poverty line of 0.45\$ per day.

HDI rank	Human poverty index (HPI-1)	
	Rank	Value (%)
<b>MEDIUM HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b>		
84 Armenia	12	3.7
85 Ukraine	21	5.8
86 Azerbaijan	50	10.7
87 Thailand	41	8.5
116 Viet Nam	55	12.4
137 Cambodia	87	27.7

*Human Index Development Report 2009, UNDP*



# LEADER OF THE NEXT-CURRENT MAJOR PROBLEMS

- **Human Resource Development** and **Unemployment** are still the stubbornly stuck in Cambodia.
- UNDP reported that the Human Development Index for Cambodia is **0.593** ranked of **137th** out of 182 countries with the adult literacy rate of **76.3%** (ages 15 and above) in 2007.
- **3,289,286** of Cambodians attended the school comparing the total number of populations in 2008
- Cambodia has a **3.5%** in a scale of 0% to 5% unemployment rate in 2009 and 2010 ranking 39 and 30, respectively.
- The Economic Institute of Cambodia estimates that **85%** of Cambodians hold no formal job in 2006.
- This can be helped if the government pay more attentions by putting the right national plan both practicing and monitoring.



# LEADER OF THE NEXT-CURRENT MAJOR PROBLEMS

- **Corruption** is still in concerning as another serious problem.
- In 2009, Cambodia scores **2.0** on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 10 (highly clean) in the Transparency International Organization's Corruption Perceptions Index, ranking 158 out of 180 countries.
- Beside the above problems, there are still many problems that need to be solved urgently such as:
  - drug trafficking,
  - traffic issue,
  - weak judiciary system,
  - land issues throughout the country,
  - crime issues,
  - law enforcement...



# LEADER OF THE NEXT-FUTURE LEADER

- **As a leader of the next, what can I contribute to my home country?**
- The most important is to put all theories/concepts into practice and/or apply to real life.
- Information and Communication Technology(ICT) is the most significant tool either to solve the current country problem or to develop the country in the digital era.
- The concept of ICT for Development(ICT4D) in every sectors is a great contribution along with its advantages for Cambodian socio-economic development.



# LEADER OF THE NEXT-FUTURE LEADER

- ICT4D must apply to the country's framework and the top priority sector.
- With the concept of using ICT4D, it can offer:
  - A good government along with transparency in using national budget, law enforcement, and so on.
  - A better education system that meets the needs not only Cambodian society, but also the international.
  - Green environment and sustainable development
- Build the Research & Development Institutes (R&D) focusing on Science & Technology(S&T) is another important point through creating a Science Park for a system of R&D Institutes in order to:
  - Provide a better life for Cambodians
  - Help to develop all sectors
  - Taking a part in increasing GDP growth
  - Creating jobs based on S&T
  - Build strong economic growth
  - Achieving the Cambodia Millennium Development Goals in order to combat poverty by 2015.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION*



*ANY QUESTION*

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