



OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE IN THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF CAMBODIA AT ASIA EURO UNIVERSITY

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The Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia celebrated an official Opening Ceremony to mark the launch of Chinese classes at Asia Euro University in the morning of May 6, 2010, in order to teach Chinese as an international language, which will facilitate better cooperation and exchange educational and cultural experience between Cambodia and China.

This free-of-charge Chinese class, which was announced open under the high presidency of **H.E. Dr. Khloth Tida**, President in the Royal Academy of Cambodia and **H.E. Phan Guangxue**, ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Cambodia, is run in two

shifts: Tuesday to Thursday from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM, in which the total number of students is 130. To promote the basic knowledge of Chinese and Tourism, the Confucius Institute decided to choose a course book called "Tourism in China". This book provides students with more understanding on how to use phrases and sentences in tourism and daily life. All the lecturers are all the lecturers of Chinese literature from Jiu Jiang University, who are full of experiences and who have gone through selection test by the Headquarter of the Confucius Institute of the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Chea Monirith, Director of The Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia said, "Another historical fruitful outcome for the Institute of Royal Academy of Cambodia today, after the first Chinese class for Cambodia

Government official on January 21, 2010, is the Opening Ceremony for the students at Asia Euro University today".

The Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia was established on August 12, 2009 following the agreement with the Headquarter of Confucius Institute of the People's Republic of China. This Institute later decided to inaugurate the logo of Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia on December 22, 2009. The inauguration was presided over by H.E. Xi Jinping, Vice President of the People's Republic of China and H.E. Sok Ann, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in Charge of the Office of Council of Ministers. Better cooperation between Asia Euro University and Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia came into existence since then.

H.E. Duong Leang, Rector of Asia Euro University, extended his profound appreciation to The Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia for opening Chinese class at Asia Euro University. At the same time, H.E. Doung Leang said, "for its own future mission, Asia Euro University strongly expects more cooperation between Jiu Jiang University of the People's Republic of China in Chinese class to open faculty of Chinese language so that Cambodian students can gain more understanding in Chinese language literature and culture, and would support Chinese policy in compliance

with the policy of the Royal Government of Cambodia”.

With close cooperation between Confucius Institute of the Royal of Cambodia and Asia Euro University along with other social institutions, **Dr. Gan Xiaoqing** expressed his confidence saying, “Chinese class of The Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia, conducted at Asia Euro University, will actively contribute to exchanging Chinese culture and language with Cambodia.”

In her second time that H.E. Khlot Thida and Chinese ambassador presided over the Opening Ceremony of Confucius Institute, H.E. Khlot Thida, highly appreciated the Opening Ceremony of Chinese class of the Confucius Institute at Asia Euro University and considered this Opening Ceremony as an effort of the co-president of the Confucius Institute in collaboration with H.E. Duong Leang, Rector of Asia Euro University.

H.E. Khlot Thida also said “the present knowledge of Chinese language become more and more valuable to win scholarship to study in China and especially to get scholarship from The Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia”. Meanwhile, she also shared some key basic ideas saying, “Whenever we want to know the idea of any country, we have to understand its civilization. Whenever we want to know clearly about the civilization of any country, we have to know its language.”



Conclusion the Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia is the fruitful and good cooperation of diplomatic relationship between the Kingdom of Cambodia and People's Republic of China for the last fifty years.

The Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia, located in the campus of the Royal Academy of Cambodia, is the bridge for researchers to get their enormous knowledge treasure from China.

The Confucius Institute in the Royal Academy of Cambodia plays important roles in contributing to developing human resources in Cambodia, generally in the Royal Academy of Cambodia and particularly in promoting Chinese culture and language. Chinese has become a communicative language for research particularly in Chinese culture and generally in Eastern cultures. The establishment of The Confucius Institute in the Royal

Academy of Cambodia marks the strengthening of the friendship between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the People's Republic of China.

The Confucius Institute offers services as the following:

- Chinese instruction
- Chinese teachers training
- Chinese teaching materials and documents
- HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test)
- Test for the award of certificate of Chinese instructor
- Information and consultant service on Chinese learning and culture
- Language and culture exchange program between China and Cambodia.