



# NEWSLETTER FIRST QUARTER JANUARY-MARCH 2023

## Ponlok Chomnes' Events



The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program hosted a Consultation Workshop and Networking Event on [“The Knowledge Sector in Foreign Policy in Cambodia”](#) on Tuesday, 14 March 2023. This workshop aimed to seek participants' input and comments for preliminary findings of a study conducted by the Foundation's partner, the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace.

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## Publications

The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes Program released the National Policy Forum booklet on [“Strengthening Resilience and Responses to COVID-19 in Cambodia and ASEAN,”](#) which was held on 26-27 October 2022. The booklet summarizes the plenary discussions ranging from foreign policy to education, agriculture, economy, urban development, social protection, and the public service sector, and full policy brief papers discussing social protection issues, the energy sector, climate change, and food security in ASEAN.



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A Diagnostic Study

**CAMBODIAN YOUTH AND THE KNOWLEDGE SECTOR**  
Challenges, Opportunities, and Recommendations

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The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes Program is delighted to release the diagnostic study on **"CAMBODIAN YOUTH AND THE KNOWLEDGE SECTOR: Challenges, Opportunities, and Recommendations."** This study has examined Cambodian youth's engagement in the knowledge sector, focusing on the challenges, opportunities, and recommendations to promote youth research engagement. The study also identified a set of recommendations that should be taken into account to nurture a conducive environment for Cambodian youth's greater engagement in the knowledge sector.

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## Policy Updates from Ministries

The **Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training** has issued a guideline on the suspension of employment contracts for factory workers in the textile, garment, footwear and travel products and bags sectors affected by the global economic crisis, dated March 15, 2023.

The **Royal Government of Cambodia** has issued a sub-decree on the conditions and procedures for business integration dated March 6, 2023.

The **Office of the Council of Ministers** released the Royal Government's decision not to tax the income of public and private educational institutions throughout the country from 2024 to 2028, dated February 27, 2023.

The **Supreme National Economic Council** released a Development Strategy on Cambodia's Garment, Footwear, and Bag Production Sector 2022-2027, dated February 23, 2022.

The **Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation** released National Research Agenda 2025, dated January 18, 2023.

The **Ministry of Civil Service** issued a Letter to Deputy Prime Ministers, Senior Ministers, Ministers, and Head of Government Institutions on the Principles for the Use of Framework for Civil Services, Contract Officers, and Other Types of Teachers for 2023, dated January 3, 2023

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