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Personal Details and Accomplishments

An excellent communicator, confident in dealing with people from all walks of life. Ambitious and focused whilst appreciating the need to remain flexible.

Skills

Communication:

- Skills enhanced by giving presentations as part of my courses.
- Confident and inspiring public talk.
- Excellent verbal and dialogue skills.
- Working more than ten year as a community facilitator and preacher allowed me to enhance my communication skills.

Problem solving:

- Experiencing as a community members and associations mediator in Khmer-Canadian Buddhist Cultural Center has enriched me in dealing with all controversial issues.
- Degree courses allowed me to enhance my analytic and problematic solving skills.
- Working as a leader of community-based development and with the grass root people helped me to learn how to solve problems as they arise in the complex manner.

Team Work:

- During my ten years experiences in working with grass root level of people and community-based enhancements have provided me an outstanding insight of team work management. This includes time management, negotiation, commitment, and communication; and helps me realized the essence of team work building.

- As part of my degree, I have also participated in group projects and team work presentation at the international conference.

IT Skills:

- I have knowledge of, and am competent in the use of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel and Power Point.
- I am a confident internet user and have used the web to research many topic areas for my courses and relating works.
- I am confident to create simple websites using html, java script, css and dream weaver. It is part of my creativity and innovation to communicate with people around the world who share similar vision and background through web pages. I have built more than ten community webpages and blogs.

Languages:

- **Khmer:** native language.
- **English:** typically expert user with fully operational commands in English that present a wide range of listening, speaking, writing and reading demands.
- **Thai:** expert user with fully operational command: appropriate, accuracy and fluency with complete understanding, able to read and write very well.
- **Lao:** very good user in operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies.

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Education:

2006 – Present

University of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Political Science - MPS

expected to graduate in May 2008

1998 - 2001

Mahachulalongkorn Buddhist University
Bangkok, Thailand

B.A. Philosophy (2nd Honorary)

Faculty of Buddhism

1997 – 1999

Preah Piren Dhamma School
Bangkok, Thailand

Pariyatti Dhamma Certificate

Distinct Three Grades Intensive Courses
of Higher Education in Buddhism
Ethics and Way of Life

1991 – 1993

10 January 1979 High School
Siem Reap, Cambodia

Baccalaureate School

Twelve Years of Compulsory
Public School

Certificates:

2006 – 2007

East-West Center
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, USA

Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP)

Graduate Certificate

August 2004

University of Calgary
Calgary, Canada

**Certificate of Teacher of English as a
Foreign Language Program**

June 2004

University of Calgary
Calgary, Canada

Certificate of the Professional

Teaching Development Program for Second
Language Teachers of the Southern Alberta
Heritage Language Association (SAHLA)

2002 – 2003

Silpakorn University
Bangkok, Thailand

Graduate School

Faculty of Archaeology
Major in Oriental Epigraphy

Graduate Courses Taken

Spring 2002

Course Code 314303: **Sanskrit Grammar and Composition** SU: 4.00 GR: S
University of Silpakorn, Archaeology Department, Major: Oriental Epigraphy
Bangkok, Thailand

Spring 2002

Course Code 314401: **Phonology** CR: 2.00 GR: B+
University of Silpakorn, Archaeology Department, Major: Oriental Epigraphy
Bangkok, Thailand

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Spring 2002

Course Code 314404: **Paleography I** CR: 2.00 GR: A
University of Silpakorn, Archaeology Department, Major: Oriental Epigraphy
Bangkok, Thailand

Fall 2002

Course Code 314406: **Paleography in Southeast Asia** CR: 2.00 GR: B+
University of Silpakorn, Archaeology Department, Major: Oriental Epigraphy
Bangkok, Thailand

Fall 2002

Course Code 314440: **Sanskrit Grammar, Composition and Translation** CR:4 GR: B
University of Silpakorn, Archaeology Department, Major: Oriental Epigraphy
Bangkok, Thailand

Fall 2002

Course Code 314460: **Cambodian Phonology** CR: 2 GR: B
University of Silpakorn, Archaeology Department, Major: Oriental Epigraphy
Bangkok, Thailand

Fall 2002

Course Code 314464: **Modern Cambodian Literature** CR: 2 GR: A
University of Silpakorn, Archaeology Department, Major: Oriental Epigraphy
Bangkok, Thailand

Fall 2006

Business (BUS) 669: **Directed Reading and Research** CR: 2.00 GR: A
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii, USA

Fall 2006

Management (MGT) 650: **Management Topics** CR: 3.00 GR: A
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii, USA

Fall 2006

Management (MGT) 660: **Negotiation** CR: 3.00 GR: A
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii, USA

Spring 2007

Political Science (POLS) 651: **Political Leadership** CR: 3.00 GR: A
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii, USA

Spring 2007

Public Administration (PUBA) 622: **Strategies of Change** CR: 3.00 GR: A-
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii, USA

Spring 2007

Public Administration (PUBA) 667: **Special Topics (Culture)** CR: 3.00 GR: A

University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii, USA

Scholarship, Honor and Award

- **Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP)**
Freeman Foundation, East-West Center, Honolulu
Hawaii, US, 2006-2007
- **Certificate of Recognition from City of Calgary and SAHLA for Cambodian Second Language Instructing**
Calgary, Alberta
Canada, 2004
- **Certificate of the Professional Development Program for Second Language Teachers of SAHLA**
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
Canada, 2004
- **Certificate of Recognition for Youth Instruction**
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Bangkok
Thailand, 2003
- **Graduate Degree Fellowship**
Silpakorn University, major in Oriental Epigraphy
Bangkok, Thailand, 2002
- **Certificate of Recognition for Youth Instruction**
Mahamakut University
Bangkok, Thailand, 2002
- **Fellowship award of the Ministry of Cults and Religions of Thailand,**
Bangkok, Thailand, 1998 - 2001

Work and Leadership Experiences

2003 – 2005

Principle, Chief Monk, Coordinator and Teacher Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Led and coordinated the Khmer-Canadian Buddhist Cultural Centre, taught insight meditation to both Cambodians and mainstream local people, conducted ritual guidance, instructed Khmer language, cultural and morals. Principle of Khmer Language School on Saturday and Sunday organized and instructed morals, Khmer culture and Khmer language. Editor of quarterly community newsletter, secretary work and webmaster of community website:

www.cambodianview.com

2001-2003

Cambodian Diplomatic Monk for Thailand

Bangkok, Thailand

Appointed by the Supreme Patriarch worked to strengthen and increase friendship, solidarity between Khmer monks and Thai monks, Khmer monks and Thai lay people.

1999-2003

President of Youth Outreach Program

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Managed this project and set up a team to instruct Cambodian students in secondary schools, high schools and general public. The courses focused on the development of self-responsibility, self-reliance, social participation and leadership capacity building. Presently, this project is still being performed by the same team.

1998 – 2000

**Secretary and Vice President
of Khemara Student Association in Thailand**

Bangkok, Thailand

Collected and organized the documents, kept minutes of meetings and coordinated different student associations. Also helped the president to carry out effective administration.

1994-1997

English and Math Teacher

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Instructed students in Wat Preah Indra Kosa
at Intermediate Pariyatti School.

International Experiences

2003 - 2006

Canada: taught Buddhism, meditation, Khmer language, Khmer culture and mediated for Cambodian-Canadian community.

2005, 2006, 2007

United States: Presided over the Consecration Ceremony of New Cambodian Buddhist Temple in Jacksonville, Florida July 2005. Participated Sima Ceremony of Thai Woodinville Temple, Woodinville, Washington State, July 2006. Participating Asia Pacific Leadership Program August 2006 - May 2007 and took graduate courses in University of Hawaii, Hawaii State, field trip to UN headquarter in New York and US senator house in Washington, DC in October 14-24, 2006.

1998 - 2003

Thailand: Resided in Bangkok 1997 - 2003, studied in Mahachulalongkorn and

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Silpakorn Universities, Bangkok and traveled throughout the country for Thai Youth Outreach Programs.

2001

Laos: visited Vientiane capital city and Luang Prabang city.

2001, 2006

Vietnam: Visited Saigon, Danang and Hue in October 2001. Field study sponsored by East West Center: Saigon and Gist group in Mekong Delta River, Huh An and Hue, Hanoi and Sapa Mountain. Group presentation of Social Entrepreneurship: New Emergence of Social Drive at Hanoi Conference focused on “Building an Asia Pacific Community for Sustainable Development” November 20 – December 19, 2006.

Community Services

Working as a pioneer and initiative in creating new organizations and communication venues specifically focus on community-based development:

- 2005
Founder of **Khmer-Canadian Seniors Association of Alberta**
- 2005
Founder of **Khmer-Canadian Youth Association of Alberta**
- 2005
Founder of **Global Cambodian Online Friends Organization**
- 2005
Founder of **Khmer Youth Education Buddhist Center**
- 1999
Founder of **Dhammacarika Moral Outreach Project**
- 1997
Founder member of **Khemara Students Association in Thailand**

Website Development

Volunteering in web building for communities, personalities and associations:

- <http://www.cambodianview.com/>
Cambodian View in the World View: The Vision of Cambodian scholars through Buddhism.
- <http://www.hoksavann.org/>
Venerable Dr. Hok Savann's Resources Website
- <http://www.cambodiavipassanacenter.com/>
Cambodia Vipassa Dhura Buddhist Center

- <http://www.cambodianyouth.org>
Khmer Youth Education Buddhist Center
- <http://www.ghosananda.org>
Somdech Preah Maha Ghosananda, Gandhi of Cambodia
- <http://www.buddhistuniversity.net>
Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University
- <http://www.geocities.com/cambodianview/>
Khmer Culture on Cyber Space
- <http://sophanse.blogspot.com/>
Cambodian Visions & Paradigm Shifts
- <http://dhamma-reflection.blogspot.com/>
Cambodia's Buddhism Media; Dhamma Reflection of the World's Reality:

Conferences, Workshops and Seminar Presentations

- August 20, 2005
“Khmer Youth Roles in a Multicultural Society”, presented at **Cambodian Community Symposium organized by Cambodian-Canadian Association of Alberta**, Calgary, AB, Canada
- June 21, 2005
“Buddha teaching in dealing with domestic abuses”, presented at **FaithLink's Conference: Building Bridge to End Abuses**, Calgary, AB, Canada
- June 9, 2005
“Domestic abuses according to Buddhist perspective”, presented at **Army Temple organized by FaithLink organization**, Calgary, AB, Canada
- May 29, 2004
“The meaning of Visakha Day”, presented at **Visakha Day Celebration organized by International Buddhist Foundation**, Calgary, AB, Canada
- September 22, 2007 participated conference **“Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Charting a Course for Hawaii's Sustainable Future”**, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Articles and Papers (All in Khmer language)

- **Leadership According to Buddha's Teaching**, published in website and community newsletter, June 13, 2005
- **Meditation (Concentration Meditation & Insight Meditation): The Study of Benefits and Practicing Method**, published in website and community newsletter, July 21, 2004
- **Buddhism & Economics**, published in website, November 11, 2004
- **The Gratitude Towards Parents**, published in website, December 25, 2005
- **Sociology in Buddhism**, published in website and community newsletter,

December 16, 2004

- **Mind is a substantial part of life that is difficult to cope**, published in website, May 19, 2004
- **Theology in Buddhism**, published in website, December 5, 2004
- **Religion or Spiritual**, published in website, May 5, 2004
- **The Core Teachings of Buddhism**, published in website, June 11, 2004
- **The Importance of Speech**, published in website, November 14, 2003

Publications

- *A Constitution for Living*, The Corporate Body of the Buddha Educational Foundation, Taiwan, 2005
- *Good Question Good Answer (Translation from English to Khmer)*, Bhikkhu Dhammika, The Corporate Body of the Buddha Educational Foundation, Taiwan, 2005

Personal Future Goals

- Working as a freelance, teacher, public speaker or lecturer in conferences, seminars, universities or educational institutes.
- Working in the government sector of the International Affairs in Cambodia.
- Working at the grassroots level of people focusing on community-based development through volunteering, charity, and social entrepreneurship in order to alleviate poverty and leverage the well-being of the people.
- Building structural base for effective administration of government, local public services, associations and communities.
- Conducting moral enhancing outreach program in Khmer Youth Education Buddhist Center.
- Instructing leadership development to young students, Buddhist monks and clergies to empower themselves with self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness and relationship management.
- Aiming to achieve the initiative of Leadership Capacity Building for Cambodian youth.
- Searching for real happiness which comes from internal peace and contentment. This can be essentially achieved by meditation. Have practiced meditation daily since 1993.