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International Workshop 2015 (2nd Batches) On: “CITYWIDE UPGRADING TRANSFORMATION IN CAMBODIA”

1 - 15 May 2015

- **Venue:**
 - Community Development Training Center (CDTC)
 - CDF foundation
 - Communities in Phnom Penh and Kampong Thom
 - Royal University of Fine Arts, Norton University, Institute Technologies of Cambodia in Phnom Penh

- **Co-organized:** CDF foundation, CSNC, General Department Housing, Royal University of Fine Arts, Norton University, Institute Technologies of Cambodia, ACHR-CAN, DPU/UCL

I. Introduction

Building on and existing and by now long-term partnership between the DPU and the Asian Coalition of Housing Rights(ACHR), along with the Community Architects Network(CAN, a Program funded by ACHR), the Community Development Foundation (CDF), and networking with other relevant actor that influence Cambodia’s urban development, we aim to build an overall understanding of the process of city-wide upgrading of urban poor settlements in the context of South-East Asia and to grasp its complexities and contradictions. Specific design strategies and interventions will be analyzed within existing governance structures and processes, and their potential for generating transformative change will be put under scrutiny while suggesting further possibilities of urban interventions. In so doing we want to give voice to a critical reflection on the role of design and spatial agencies in general, and question the role of the practitioner in the whole Process.

The first batches (1st batches) in Cambodia was held during 2nd – 16th May 2014, that get more experience on that trip study total 37 DPU students and 20 Cambodians student together learnt, shared amongst each, include a good support of local authorities which a big provide larger scale to learn from community in each city. So these lessons learnt a good value to continue of students can direct learn as last year.

II. Objective of the workshop

1. To develop a critical diagnosis of the transformation potential and the capacities that exists within Phnom Penh and the regional areas of Kampong Thom, while acknowledging the complexity of the socio-spatial context.
2. Base on the above analysis, to discuss and develop a range of collaborative proposals, which will contribute to, and extend the positive transformation of the living conditions of the urban poor in Cambodia. The collaborative proposals should offer alternative/complementary design, policy, planning and strategic interventions, which might be implemented by communities, civil society organizations, national and/or local government agencies and actors in the private sector and academia.
3. To research collaborative people-center partnerships for slum-upgrading in Cambodia that focus on the constant and rapid transformation of the urban Cambodia condition in order to identify potential strategies and tactics for spaces of opportunities and spaces of representation and wellbeing in the whole Cambodian society. Additionally its aim is to research and design innovative and critical strategies that could contribute to the work of our partners in the field.

III. Output of the Workshop

- Each student is required to make 4 posting on the blog during the course of the project (planning as indicated in the sign-up sheet): you will be asked to reflect on it during your assessed individual interview.
- Two during the fieldwork (one about the work and the project, one more personal reflection on the whole experience and the impressions).
- Two afterwards: one reflecting on the work and your personal experience and self-reflection. One posting on a specific question we want you to reflect upon. This question will be communicated when we are in Cambodia.
- Report writing: It will be useful to start writing up sections of the final report as soon as possible. The report writing, or at least the development of the report, starts at day 0. It is important that relevant Information, maps, graphics etc. are collated in a way that will be easy to access and use for the final report.

IV. Expected Participants: Total 74 persons

• DPU students	24
• DPU Staffs	5
• Cambodian students (universities)	12
• City Community networks as target groups	6
• Community Development Foundation	5
• Local officer	3
• General Department Housing of MLMUPC	3
• ACHR staffs	4
• Community architect network from Lao	2
• Community architect network from Thailand	2
• Community Architect Network of Cambodia	7
Total	72 persons

V. Field work and learning will provide into 3 groups (about 20 people include facilitator)

- Group 1: Boeung Veng Rik Chamroeurn community, Sangkat Kampong Krabao, Stung Sen city, Kampong Thom
- Group 2: Boeung Chhuk Meanchey community, Sangkat Niruth, Khan Chba Ampov, Phnom Penh
- Group 3: Anlung Kangan communities, Sangkat Khmurgn, Khan Sensok, Phnom Penh