

## **Keynote Address**

**Deputy Prime Minister KEAT Chhon**  
**Minister of Economy and Finance, and the Chairman of**  
**The Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia**  
**On the Occasion of**  
**The Official Inauguration of**  
**The Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia**

Phnom Penh, April 29, 2009



- Patriarch Samdech Preah Odam Panha and Venerable monks!
- **H.E. Dr. AUN Porn Moniroth**, Minister attached to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy and Finance
- Excellencies, members of the Royal Government
- Excellencies Ambassadors,
- Excellencies, Lok Oknha, ladies, and gentlemen,

Today I have a great pleasure to attend the official inauguration of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia along with the presences of Excellencies, Lok Oknha, ladies and gentlemen. In fact, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia (at the technical level) has been in full operations since August 2008.

**Excellencies, Lok Oknha, ladies, and gentlemen**, some of you may have been informed that the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia has been established under the Law on Issuance and Trading of Non-Government Securities

promulgated by Preah Reach Kram NS/RKM/1007/028 dated on October 19, 2007, with Minister of Economy and Finance serving as the Chairman, and members representing the relevant public institutions, as well as private professional experts.

Taking this great opportunity, I would like to express my sincere congratulations and warm welcome to members of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia, comprising of H.E. Minister attached to the Prime Minister **AUN Porn Moniroth**, representative of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, **Lok Chum Teav NEAV Chanthana** of the National Bank of Cambodia, **H.E. KAN Channmeta** of the Ministry of Commerce, **H.E. KOEUT Rith** of the Ministry of Justice, **H.E. KEM Reat Viseth** of the Office of the Council of Ministers, **Professor Dr. SAM Ghanty** and **Professor Dr. SOM Sokhom**, representatives of the private professional experts, and **H.E. MING Bankosal**, Director General of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia. Following this official inauguration ceremony, the members of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia is going to hold its first meeting.

Indeed, Today's inauguration reflects the crucial step forward in the history of development of the securities sector in the Kingdom of Cambodia as defined in "**the Financial Sector Development Strategy 2006-2015**" and "**the Rectangular Strategy, Stage II**" of the Royal Government of Cambodia under the great leadership of **Samdech Akak Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the sage and talent leader.

The securities sector is considered by the Royal Government as an essential dimension in the national financial system, providing the mechanism for mobilizing all sorts of financial resources, from far and wide, both small and large sizes, and in long, medium and short terms, to finance the investment projects, broadening diversification of the sources of Cambodia's strong economic growth. Moreover, the existence of the securities market will promote **the accountability, transparency,**

*good Corporate Governance*, and *efficiency* in the operations of the firms, especially those engaging in public offers.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight to *Excellencies, Lok Oknha, ladies, and gentlemen*, the launch of the securities market in Cambodia is still on the schedule in 2009, in which a suitable date will be determined by the Government later. Companies that will be allowed to make public offers shall enjoy the accountability, transparency and corporate governance, as well as good business practice with high profits.

For the time being, the Commission is proactively working with the National Accounting Council (NAC), and relevant partners to form a compulsory rules and regulations applicable to the issuing companies, associated with Accounting Standard, Auditing, and Corporate Governance. Moreover, the Royal Government takes also into consideration taxes incentives that will be provided for the issuing companies, investors, as well as securities intermediaries.

***Excellencies, Lok Oknha, ladies, and gentlemen!***

I think that all the foreign friends here, whose countries put securities market in place, may be aware of the roles of *the Securities and Exchange Commission* or the Securities Regulator. Nevertheless, I would like to inform the participants on the main roles of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia, the regulator managing, supervising, and developing the securities sector in Cambodia. As the regulator, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia shall assure a fair, effective, and sound market.

A *fair market* refers to the market where investors are fully protected from market abuses and frauds, such as insider-trading and market manipulation, etc. Pertaining

to an **efficient market**, it refers to a fairly competitive market, along with the establishment of market infrastructure to disclose the appropriate and on-time information to the public; whereas a **sound market** refers to the avoidance from systematic risks in the market, i.e. a rigorous supervision and surveillance system must be available. Achieving the fair, effective and sound market requires the participation from relevant partners, especially the private sector.

In order to fulfill these duties, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia creates the management team at the technical level. Therefore, I'd like to take this marvelous opportunity, in my capacity as the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia, to officially pronounce the composition of this management team as follows:

1. **H.E. MING Bankosal**, Director General of the Securities and Exchange Commission
2. **H.E. SOU Socheat**, Deputy Director General
3. **H.E. KAO Thach**, Deputy Director General
4. **H.E. HUOT Pum**, Deputy Director General
5. **Mr. CHAN Narith**, Director of the Department of Securities Market Supervision
6. **Mr. SOK Dara**, (Absence for a mission abroad) Director of the Department of Securities Intermediaries Supervision
7. **Mr. SEANG Thirith**, Director of the Department of Legal Affairs
8. **Mr. CHHUN Sambath**, Director of the Department of Securities Issuance Supervision
9. **Mr. VA Sovy**, Director of the Department of Research, Training, Securities Market Development and International Relations
10. **Mr. CHHUM Sereyvuth**, Director of the Department of Administration and Finance
11. **Mr. CHHAY Khunlong**, Director of the Internal Audit Unit

I am strongly confident that both technical-level management team and all the Officials of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia will fulfill their daily duties to make all physical, moral and professional endeavors to supervise and develop the securities sector towards the great successes for the social interests.

Finally, I'd like to express my sincere thanks to the Government Republic of Korea, through Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), for providing the Officials of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia, and the Officials of Ministry of Economy and Finance, as well as relevant public institutions and private sector with technical assistance for capacity building, and some office equipments for the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia.

By the same token, I'd like to express my gratitude to development partners, including the ADB, AUSAID, International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank, and the private sector who always join and support the development of this sector since the early developing stage; and I am optimistic that other development partners will participate in supporting the development of this sector.

May I, venerable, offer my wishes, and wish Excellencies, Lok Oknha, ladies and gentlemen, national and international distinguished guests with the four Gems of Buddhist blessings: strength, healthy, nobility, and longevity.

**With this auspicious occasion, I declare the official inauguration of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia from now onwards!**

Thank you!