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"Comprehensive Land Policy -

Fundamental for Sustainable Urban and Rural Development"

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Background

The Faculty of Land Management and Land Administration (FLMLA) at the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA) Phnom Penh, takes a key role in the development of Cambodia. It is providing *well educated academic junior staff* to the country in its efforts to build up *fair and just land governance*. The RUA is supported by the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (MLMUPC), which is seconding several teaching staff, by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Cambodia, which has long been involved in strengthening the qualification of young staff in the area of land management and administration, as well as by the Technical University Munich (TUM), Germany, which has established a partnership with the RUA since more than 10 years.

After an evaluation of the FLMLA in 2007, it was from this international cooperation, that the idea arose to conduct a - by now international - summer school annually, jointly organized by RUA, TUM, MLMUPC and GIZ. The *intention* was to tackle important international topics which are of current relevance for Cambodia in the sector of land policy, land reform, land administration and land management including urban and rural development. Academia, practitioners and advanced students discuss current and future issues in the sector in a joint dialogue, and international best practices are presented and analyzed.

One *key benefit* of the summer school is that all participants, especially practitioners with long-standing experience, receive new ideas and perspectives - to their own benefit and to the benefit of the country. With the summer school, students are introduced early into the fascinating world of global and national land policy. The presence of H.E. Senior Minister Im Chhun Lim, emphasizes that the relevance of the summer school has also been fully recognized and appreciated by the political level. In 2014 it will again be the Senior Minister, who opens the summer school with a key note speech.

Past Summer School in Phnom Penh:

- 2008 "Comprehensive Land Policy for Sustainable Cambodia Strategies and Instruments"
- 2009 "Land Policy and Good Land Governance" (for the first time with a delegation from LaoPDR)
- 2010 "Equitable and Transparent land Policy: Key for Successful and Participative Rural Development"
- 2011 "Comprehensive Land Policy in Cambodia: Framework and Preconditions for balanced Spatial Planning and Development"
- 2013 "Strategic Spatial Planning: Responding to Territorial Development Challenges in Rural Areas" (for the first time opened by the Senior Minister)