

IT Related Acts and Regulations, Policies

1. Introduction

Now Cambodia has many policies and regulations relate to domestic IT development. Among them there are only two main policies, one is belong to National Information Communications Technology Development Authority (NiDA) with helps from UNDP (Malaysia), and another one is controlled by Ministry of Education Youth and Sport (MoEYS) with supports from UNESCO in Phnom Penh. Even though there are many policies and regulations, but it still not yet have important and interesting actions to develop IT field in Cambodia. This problem pushes a conference happens on September 15 2005. It is the first national conference for Science and Technology Education for Sustainable Development. The goals of this conference are to force those organizations to put their policies into action, and to control their activities.

2. Science and Technology Education for Sustainable Development Conference



Science and Technology Education for Sustainable Development Conference on 15 September 2005, was supported by UNESCO and MoYS. It focuses on

- The real situation of science and technology education in Cambodia
- The roles of researchers in science and technology education
- Positive and negative points of science and technology growth in Cambodia and other countries around the world
- Science and technology education for sustainable development

One reason of inactivity in IT action is the lack of electricity. “Electronic technology growth needs a great help from the government, because, sometimes when Ministry of Education provides computers to some areas, it cannot be used because of the lack of electricity.” Dr Chan Roath, Chief of Science and Technology Research Department of MoYS said.

Cambodia needs to be developed from now in order to compete with other countries. “We are a member of WTO, so we need to do a competition on field of Industry, Business, Service, and Technology. If we still stay in a low degree, we will have difficulty in doing competition” Mr Pith Chamnan, Secretary of MoYS said.

Technology plays an important roll in development, but it is not easy for Cambodia to get a technology development. “The knowledge of Cambodian students and people is low compare with other local countries. Technology supports a fast development, electronic technology growth makes us get information rapidly and an efficient communication.” Dr Kon Pheng, Senior Minister and Minister of MoYS said. He also expresses a recommendation for technology development, “To develop country we need develop technology. To get a modern technology we have to learn and love science, mathematic and technology. So development and technology are depending on each other. To be a developed country only if have high

technology, to get high technology only if have development. Education is the principle need.”

3. Strategy for Science and Technology Development

Base on policy and strategy of Malaysia, Dr Pok Thavin, Director of Higher Education has showed a way for vision of National Policy for Science and Technology.

Anyway, in general, almost all of existed strategies of MoYS, have followed UNESCO proposals. As an addition in the conference, UNESCO also mentions to the strategy of Malaysia to be applied into the context of Cambodia.

