

About CamboJA

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Cambodian Journalists Alliance

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| Our Story

CamboJA is the only independent network of professional journalists in Cambodia which has been formed by a number of journalists, including former reporters of the Cambodia Daily and Phnom Penh Post which faced government repression in the lead up to 2018 general elections.

In the context of growing restrictions on the media freedom and freedom of expression, CamboJA was initiated by more than 20 professional journalists from different media outlets during a meeting on media situation in Cambodia in February 2019.

Eventually, 15 of them agreed to form a governing body of CamboJA and became board members, aiming to establish a sustainable independent body that can carry out a mission to promote access to information and press freedom, strengthen the professionalism of journalists, and support their livelihoods.



About Us



Vision

CamboJA envisions Cambodian journalists as being professional and able to exercise their duty to report freely, safely, securely and without censorship or pressure from any party or because of their living conditions or their family and social status.



Mission

CamboJA promotes access to information and press freedom, strengthen the professionalism of journalists, and support their livelihoods.



| Legitimacy



Registered at the Ministry of Information on September 9, 2019



Registered at the Ministry of Interior on 8th December 2020 with a legal name as “Cambodian Journalists Alliance Association” (CamboJA)



It was officially launched on December 13, 2019



Registered at NSSF on December 11, 2020



Registered at General Department of Taxation on January 15, 2021



Core Values

Professionalism

This is one of CamboJA's primary tenets.

Our work is based on professionalism, journalistic skills and a code of ethics. We work without fear or favor.

Freedom

We stand for the fundamental freedom of expression, particularly press freedom. We

support all journalists to exercise their freedoms that are guaranteed by national and international laws. CamboJA does not support any action that leads to the narrowing of press freedom.



Integrity

We stand for integrity. Integrity, transparency, credibility, fairness and reporting the truth are our foundations.

Responsibility

CamboJA is responsible for all of its actions under Cambodian laws, particularly in relation to its publications, content and activities.

Gender Equity

CamboJA promotes women's participation in journalism. CamboJA is open to the active participation of women journalists at all levels



Leadership and Management Structure



Annual Congress (AC)



Board of Directors (BoD)



Technical Advisors



Management Committee



About CamboJA

| Governing Board



Board Director

Prak Chan Thul started his career as a journalist at Leisure Cambodia in 2002, right after graduation with a Bachelor of Arts in English. After about a year, he won a scholarship to study at Independent Journalism Foundation (IJF) in Phnom Penh and was later hired as a stringer for Spanish news wire EFE before moving on to work for Chinese news agency Xinhua. After a short stint at Xinhua, in 2004 the Siem Reap native joined The Cambodia Daily as a journalist covering courts and general news and as an assignment editor, before leaving to work with Reuters in 2010.



Governing Board



1st Deputy Board
Director

Sun Sokhen is currently the editor-in-chief for the Voice of Democracy (VOD) at Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM). Serving in journalism since 2013, Sokhen began as an intern reporter, freelance reporter and fixer, to become an editor for VOD in 2018 and eventually promoted to be the editor-in-chief for VOD in 2020. He obtained a bachelor's degree in education majoring in Teaching English as a Foreign Language from Institute of Foreign Languages, Royal University of Phnom Penh in 2015 and participated in many journalistic trainings and workshops both locally and internationally.



2nd Deputy Board
Director

Kann Vicheika is a freelance journalist covering stories related to politics, human rights, social justices, and social issues. She is currently a trainer for the 'Newsroom Cambodia' project of Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM) and a trainer for 'Media and Information Literacy' project of DW Akademie. Vicheika is also a core member of Politkoffee, a group of young enthusiastic and social media-savvy Cambodians who love political, social and economics discussion and debate. She graduated from Royal University of Law and Economics in 2010 with a Bachelor Degree in Law.



Governing Board



Board Member

May Titthara served as Executive Director of CamboJA from its inception in September 2019 through mid-2020 before working as a Media Specialist for Internews. With 20 years of experience in journalism, He worked as executive editor of Khmer Times Newspaper, reporter and national news editor for The Phnom Penh Post for 9 years where he won several international media awards for his investigative reporting mainly about illegal loggings by powerful persons and tycoons in Cambodia. He is currently also serving as a part-time journalism lecturer for a private university in the country.



Board Member

Sun Narin is a reporter of Voice of America (VOA), where his investigative stories cover politics, elections, social issues, land disputes, garment section, enterprise and the environment. In addition to his work with VOA, he has worked with The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, The Financial Times, ABC Australia and Al Jazeera. He has been working in the journalism field for almost a decade after graduating with BA in Media Management from the Department of Media and Communication (DMC), and BA in English Literature from Institute of Foreign Languages, Royal University of Phnom Penh, in 2011.



Governing Board



Board Member

Min Pov is an editor with Voice of Democracy (VOD) of the Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM), covering politics, governance, environment, and human rights. He is responsible for the Breaking News section, assigning reporters on daily coverage, editing news and handling national and international news for the VOD website (www.vodhotnews.com). Min Pov received a three month training in radio journalism by CCIM in 2009 before becoming a radio reporter for VOD. He obtained a bachelor degree in political science from Khemarak University (Cambodia) in 2016.



Board Member

Chan Muyhong has recently joined the Voice of America (VOA) as a reporter. Prior to this, she was a freelance communication consultant, reporter and fixer. She holds a BA degree in Media Management from the Department of Media and Communication (DMC) at the Royal University of Phnom Penh (2013) and an MA degree in Culture, Media and Society awarded by Lancaster University (2016). In brief, she has worked as business reporter for the Phnom Penh Post newspaper (2013-2015), a Young Research Fellow at Future Forum (2017), a correspondent for Japanese news agency NNA under Kyodo news (2017), a project manager for Khmer Rouge Storytelling mobile app [Mapping Memories Cambodia \(MMC\)](#) while also a part-time lecturer in Entrepreneurial Journalism at the DMC in 2018.



| Management Committee



Nop Vy, Executive Director

Before becoming Executive Director of CamboJA in 2020, Nop Vy was CamboJA's board director while he was serving as a Media Director at Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM)—the birthplace of CamboJA. Nop Vy has been working as social worker, reporter, news editor and editor-in-chief since 2001. He holds bachelor's degree in law and master's degree in private law from the Royal University of Law and Economy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and an associate degree in journalism from the Royal University of Phnom Penh in 2006.

Management Committee



Chhorn Chansy, Editor-in-chief

Chhorn Chansy is currently serving as editor-in-chief for CamboJA News. He started his career in journalism in 2007 with the Cambodia Daily from being an environmental reporter to assignment editor and news editor until the Newspaper was forced to shut down in 2017. He then worked as freelance journalist and assistant to researchers until 2018 before working at Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM) as a consultant responsible for coordinating freelance journalists, providing mentorship to interns and managing VOD English website. He was also a trainer for **Newsroom Cambodia project** at CCIM, which provides practical journalistic trainings to potential youths until he was voted by CamboJA's board of directors to be editor-in-chief of CamboJA News.



Cheng Mengchou, Communications & Resource Mobilization Coordinator

Before serving at CamboJA as a communications and resource mobilisation coordinator, Cheng Mengchou was a freelance journalist and full-time journalism lecturer at Department of Media and Communication at Royal University of Phnom Penh where she did her BA in Media Management. Previously, she was a news reporter, newscaster, and election coverage coordinator for Radio Free Asia (RFA Khmer service) before its Phnom Penh bureau was forced to shut down in 2017. She was also coordinating RFA Khmer's coverage during the 2018 general elections while undertaking MA degree in Global Citizenship, Identities, and Human Rights, from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom through Chevening Scholarship Programme.



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Srun Ratha, Finance Coordinator

Srun Ratha has been involved in finance and administrative work since 2013. She was a finance coordinator at Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM) from 2019 until August 2020 before joining CamboJA in September. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Banking and a Master's degree in Finance from the National University of Management.

| Core Programmes

News Reporting in both English
and Khmer with Credible in-depth
and investigative news
www.cambojanews.com &
www.khmer.cambojanews.com



| Core Programmes

Capacity development: The program aims to run at least 5 trainings per year to provide members and non-member (citizen) journalists



| Core Programmes

Research and Advocacy: This program contributes to the promotion of press freedom, freedom of expression and the protection of journalists.



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