

H.E. Dr. PEN SOPHAL's CV

H.E. Dr. PEN SOPHAL, born in Phnom Penh on 5 April 1970, is a Secretary of State of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction of the Royal Government of Cambodia. He has held this office since September 2013. He is also the Permanent Deputy Chairman and a Secretary General for the National Committee for Land Management and Urban Planning and a Secretary General for the National Committee for Cambodia's Coastal Management and Development since 2012.

He holds the PhD, Master and Bachelor of Law specialized in Public Law in Phnom Penh and also hold the Master and Bachelor of Art in Architecture and Town Planning in Phnom Penh. Dr. Pen S FRICS is a fellow of Royal Institute of Charters Surveyors (Asia).

Dr. Pen Sophal has passed a lot of Professional training as city Planner in Japan, in Netherlands, in Singapore and in South Korea.

He was employed by UNESCO as a lecturer of theory of practice in Architecture between 1997 and 2003 for Royal University of Fine Arts. Lecture of Architecture and Urban Planning Framework for Norton University and Professor for doctoral degree in law at Royal Academic of Cambodia. and He was also a lecturer at Ecole Royal Administration (ERA).

He is an architect and lawyer with a distinguished career in public services such as a Governing Council Member of Board of Cambodian Architects. In the Ministry he assists Minister of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction on Land Management, Urban Planning, Construction Permits and Coastal Management and Development.

He was the Cabinet Chief of Senior Minister of Land Management, Urban planning and Construction between 2003 and 2006 and he was the director of Urban Planning Department between 2006 and 2013. he has participatory made a lot of frameworks for the Ministry including Sub- decree on Urban Planning, Government circular on Coastal Development framework, Procedure for Urban Land Use and Master Plan, national policy for spatial planning, Minister regulation on land development, Urban regulations, draft Law on Land Management, and Urban Planning, draft Law on Construction and other Ministry Regulations. He is a leading professional person with high experiences in Urban and Spatial Planning in Cambodia and his recent leading works such as the completion of Regional Spatial Plan of Cambodia Coastal Area, Sihanoukville provincial Spatial Plan and 14 Urban Master Plans for Cities and Towns and continuing to complete all urban Master Plans in Cambodia Cities and Towns.

Dr. Pen received a number of awards, including a gold medal, Medal of Preah Mohaksatreyani Preah Sisovat Monivong Kosamak Nearyroth at Mohaseireyroth Level, Medal of Monisaraphorn at Mohaseireyroth Level, Medals of the Kingdom of Cambodia at Mohaseireyroth Level, Medal of the Kingdom of Cambodia at Mohasena Level and Medal Cheatopakar from the King and the Royal Government of Cambodia.