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Minister of Education,
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On behalf of researcher and Minister of Education, Youth and Sport, I am pleased to present my compliments and appreciation to all stakeholders who devoted their time and effort to make everything happened in the frame of the Dockside Project supported by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. This newsletter number 2 provides information related to activities carried out in the frame of the project. Thus provides a small but a lucid and exemplary expertise on maritime research as well as other fields and a thorough exchange and mobility of our students and researchers on the new research methodology to boost fundamental research activities dealing with issues and context of Cambodia.

The key success in term of competencies transfer in our higher education system based on strategic partnership with other universities around the world, including Dockside project is an example of a committed partnership and cooperation. Aiming to provide the students and stakeholders with an understanding and knowledge of maritime issues as well as other fields, the Dockside Project supported by Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, presents a modern and dynamic way to increase capacity and professionalism to deal with severe

challenges such as maritime and environmental issues, maritime law at national, regional and international level. It focuses on the application of research methodologies, researchers and teachers training and support in Cambodian research activities within the Universities beneficiary, and deals with legal postulations from the perspective of experimented researchers from European Universities.

By including a number of relevant cases and caselets highlighting various research issues of environmental and maritime field as well as other domains across the country, the Partnership carried out with the European Universities helps Cambodian students and researchers as well as lecturers and professionals to understand the legal implications in a relatable way. Hoping this newsletter will help public to understand what the Project did and will do in term of promotion of research activities in Cambodia.

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Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

WHAT IS OUR SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL (SC) AND OUR RESEARCH COMMITTEE (RC) ?

Schools) and helps to manage the different internal calls for training sessions and mobility. In the ASEAN context, the role of the research has been highlighted as an important contributor to the nation's economic development, with a specific focus on university-based research in low and middle-income countries. The most important role of universities in the learning systems of low and middle-income countries is to raise the skills of the population and to help absorb ideas from developed countries (UNESCO, 2014). During the last few months, the RC was created to help DOCKSIDE develop a Research Strategy which was published on October 2018 and which enabled the creation of 5 research groups which are expected to develop opportunities of research collaboration among members.

The role of the RC and the SC is to provide expertise and guidelines to all members of the research network and to oversee the development of the research activities of the Project. The SC also acts as scientific board for the major events (Workshop and Summer

WHO ARE THEY ?



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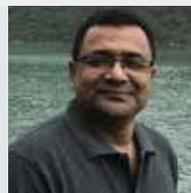


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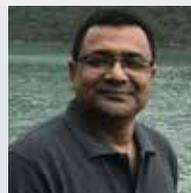
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DOCKSIDE FOCUS ON ... OUR RESEARCH NETWORK:

to sustain growth policy in developing countries. Cambodia is highly exposed to the effects of climate change. By 2030, the runoff throughout the Mekong Basin is expected to increase by 21%. Regarding, the Net Vulnerability Resilience Index, Cambodia is the 4th most vulnerable state out of 95 countries. In addition, along with the continuous growth of more than 7% per year, there is an important increase of the cargo passing through the Cambodian ports. Maritime trade and port infrastructure are key factors for the Cambodian economic competitiveness. The depletion of natural resources, vulnerability of community fisheries, food security, water resource management, maritime and intermodal transport, and port efficiency are key issues in Cambodia.

Developing Environmental and Maritime Research (EMR) is crucial to provide recommendation to policymaker

These topics, because of their complexity, require multidisciplinary research. Setting a research network on EMR is not a sufficient step but, at least, a necessary one. It shall enable us to share data among our community, provide up to date research trainings on the topics, establish technical reports, provide experts for round tables, panel discussion, and offer PhD co-supervisors opportunity

The network includes the following members : DOCKSIDE Members: Researchers from EU (VIGO, SDU, NANTES) and Cambodia (RUA, UBB, RULE, NUM) but also anyone interested in EMR and doing research in EMR and other Erasmus + project related to EMR (partners of WANASEA, etc.) or NGOs, etc.

The core of the EMR network is constituted from researchers belonging to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) members to the European DOCKSIDE project.

Ms KAING Khim, Deputy General Director at the Fisheries Administration benefited from this network and was able to be sent by the DOCKSIDE Project in the Southern Denmark University. She believes that this mobility period enabled her to finalize her papers to be published internationally. She believes the network will enable her to improve policy framework regarding fisheries co-management via Community Fisheries (CFi) in Cambodia.

Ms Hannah Bartels who has been working with GIZ for 2.5 years as an advisor in the projects 'Improvement of Livelihoods and Food Security (ILF) I and II' where she mostly supports producer group organisation, market linkage, home gardening and nutrition believes that research and a research network on these issues is essential because the world is constantly changing. As she says: "Just see, how the weather has fluctuated in Cambodia in the last years. And climate change, unproductive agricultural techniques and wrong application of inputs is a big obstacle for livelihood improvement. A more developed research in Cambodia would make the innovations and interventions specific to the Cambodian conditions which could positively influence the results of the application."

There is obviously, as stated by our colleagues from the network, a need to cooperate. Let's focus on that and try to strengthen this new-born research network !

DOCKSIDE PROJECT'S LIFE

During the last 2 months, here is a summary of what happened for DOCKSIDE Community, keeping in mind that we are entering in the final stage / final year of the project : let's continue to go forward with the support of all partner universities as well as Professors and students from Europe and Cambodia.

A training session has been organized at the National University of Management on October 30th and 31st 2018 : Judith Parus, from the Department of Sociology, Environmental and Business Economics of the University of Southern Denmark shared her experiences and advice about "New ways of teaching. This workshop enabled the participants to better understand what defines blended learning with the focal point of interaction with their students and what effect it has on their teaching in terms of pedagogical tools and design of the course.

ANOTHER TRAINING OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 4TH AT RULE



Another training occurred on December 4th at RULE. The course was given by Pr. Thomas VALLE, from University of Nantes and was designed to give relevant tools for conducting performance analysis. The course covered methods and applications related to the measurement analysis of productive efficiency. It was a great success.

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In the mean time, Ms. Chanphakdey DOK and Mr. Vichet LAY from the Royal University of Agriculture produces their mobility report enabling all readers and followers of DOCKSIDE Website (<http://www.dockside-kh.eu>) to be able to follow their trip to Vigo and Nantes and how they benefited from this mobility. In terms of best practices, their report emphasizes how Cambodian Universities may adapt the E-learning material to their curriculum and daily functioning.



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On December 3rd 2018, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport chaired a meeting on dissemination of Course Catalogue Report of DOCKSIDE project. University Rectors and Deans of Cambodian Higher Education Institutions and members of DOCKSIDE Project discussed the best-practices, challenges and possible solution for the research issues in Cambodia. The MoEYS and DOCKSIDE Project, through the Course Catalogue Report put some key-findings of research related challenges. You can find the Catalogue Course Report and the Recommendations Report on our website !

**ON DECEMBER 3RD 2018,
THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION, YOUTH
AND SPORTS WELCOMED
THE LATEST PMB OF
YEAR 2018**



On December 3rd 2018, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports welcomed the latest PMB of Year 2018. It was the perfect occasion for all members to finalize our strategy to maximize the success of our EMR Research network, to make sure that all mobilities will be adequately used by our partners and to prepare for the final countdown.



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THE RESEARCH CORNER

As part of the long term dissemination strategy of the **DOCKSIDE Erasmus + project**, developing research collaborations between DOCKSIDE partners, but also with external partners, is a key issue for which a research strategic plan has been written by the members of a Research Committee created under the supervision of Pr. Torres.

Based on this report, some outcomes have been achieved. First, in order to facilitate the exchange of information between EU and Cambodian researchers, PhD and stakeholders, a list of data and software available related to the research topics of EMR has been set up and is available at http://www.dockside-kh.eu/data_sharing/. Second, a research questionnaire has been sent to all partners in order to promote joint collaborations on specific research topics. Based on this questionnaire, and following discussion during the summer school in Battambang, 4 research topics have been launched (see <http://www.dockside-kh.eu/category/network/research-topics/> for a full description of them) and will focus on:

- 1) Environmental Security and Climate Change impacts in Cambodia,
- 2) Impact of Flood on Food Production in Battambang Province,
- 3) Equitable, Reasonable and Sustainable Use of Water Resources in Cambodia, and,
- 4) Valuation of Ecosystem Services of Mangrove Forests in Cambodia.

These research topics are open to anyone outside from the DOCKSIDE project who would like to contribute and participate. So don't hesitate to contact the leaders of these research projects.

We expect some preliminary results to be presented during the Second summer school at Phnom Penh in July 2019 (5th to 13th) organized by the National University of Management. This second summer school will be hold together with the summer school of the WANASEA project, a Capacity-Building in Higher Education programme, co-funded by the Erasmus+ (www.wanasea.eu).

DOCKSIDE AGENDA JANUARY / FEBRUARY / MARCH 2019

- ▶ **Mobilities for Staff and Researchers launched in January 2019**
- ▶ **Meeting of research Groups to develop research projects and joint articles**
- ▶ **Translation of all reports in Khmer language to enable better dissemination among Cambodian universities and DOCKSIDE stakeholders**

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