



Digital Talk Series Summary

Episode 16: “Cambodia Tech Expo 2022”

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Host: Ms Narith Rosenita, CIDE Intern

Guest Speaker: H.E. Dr Kan Channmeta, Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI)

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The 16th episode of the Digital Talk Series Dialogue entitled “**Cambodia Tech Expo 2022**” was hosted by **Ms Narith Rosenita**, CIDE Intern, on 15th December 2022. She was joined by our distinguished speaker: **H.E. Dr Kan Channmeta**, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI). This episode looks at the recently concluded Cambodia Tech Expo hosted by MISTI.

To begin with, the speaker defined Cambodia Tech Expo as part of the promotion and development of science, technology, and innovation in Cambodia and an indication of the country’s growing digital economy and digital society. For instance, the Tech expo focused primarily on the government, agriculture and research sectors.

H.E. Dr Kan Channmeta mentioned that the Cambodia Tech Expo was one of many major programmes hosted by Cambodia during its Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2022. In addition, the Tech Expo program has been endorsed by Samdech Prime Minister Hun Sen and supported by various government agencies, including the Ministry of Industry Science Technology & Innovation, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Foreign affair and

International Cooperation Cambodia, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, and Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries.

Speaking about the role of technology in the post-COVID-19 period, the speaker explained that technology had accelerated productively in creation, competition, service, and funding. In addition, technology also plays an important role in reducing the gap between rural and urban populations. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, people started using the online meeting platform ZOOM to prevent the spread of the virus and abide by physical lockdowns while conducting their daily business as usual.

Lastly, the guest speaker encouraged the Cambodian youth to focus more on technology skills that are useful and in high demand in today’s society. He also hoped that, in the next 10 or 20 years, Cambodia would experience further advancement in these skills.

To sum up, tech-related skills are great tools to deal with contemporary societal issues, and more human resources need to be trained in this critical sector.