



PUC International Relations Talk

"Atoms for Peace, Health and Prosperity"

Cambodian perspective: With Dr. Rethy Chhem, former Director of the Division of Human Health at the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency (2008 – 2014)

Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia

Saturday 25 February, 2.30pm – 4pm

Srey Dim Hall

Abstract:

According to many observers, global nuclear tensions are reaching new heights; on the back of an American change of leadership, Russian foreign policy and unpredictable behavior on the world stage from international actors such as North Korea.

Since 1957, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) works with the United Nations family's "Member States and multiple partners worldwide to promote the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technologies". Today, the IAEA Secretariat boasts 2500 multidisciplinary professional and support staff from more than 100 countries.

Dr. Chhem is the former Director of the Division of Human Health at the IAEA (2008 – 2014). He is a medical doctor, biomedical scientist, science diplomat, historian of medicine, and educationalist, with experience in global health policy and ASEAN Higher Education. He is currently the Executive Director of the Cambodian Development Resource Institute (CDRI). Previously, he has taught radiology at various universities in Canada, Singapore, Japan and Austria.

In this talk, he will discuss:

1. The IAEA mission: nuclear sciences and their peaceful applications
2. Roles of physicians at the IAEA
3. Applied Nuclear Sciences in Cambodia

Format: Dr. Chhem will give a short presentation and then lead an informal discussion with the audience.

Target audience:

- Open to all
- PUC International Relations department, including United Nations System's students
- PUC students
- Students from outside PUC (IFL, RUPP, etc.)
- Other interested participants

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Dr Chhem Kieth Rethy



Dr Chhem Rethy is a medical doctor, biomedical scientist, science diplomat, historian of medicine, and educationalist, with experience in global health policy and ASEAN Higher Education. He has taught radiology at various universities in Canada, Singapore Japan and Austria for 28 years. He was the Chairman of Medical Imaging Department at Western University (Canada) before joining the International Atomic Energy Agency as Director of the Division of Human Health (2008-2014). He is currently the Executive Director of the Cambodian Development Resource Institute, a leading think tank in Cambodia and the ASEAN region. CDRI is a founding member of the SiLKS (Silk Road Think Tank Network).

He holds a MD, a PhD in Education and a PhD in History. He published more than a hundred scientific articles and edited 17 textbooks on radiology, radiology education, paleoradiology, philosophy of medical imaging, radiation sciences and STS (Science Technology Studies) with two on Fukushima nuclear accident. He is currently a distinguished visiting professor at the Atomic Bomb Disease Institute, Nagasaki, Hiroshima and Fukushima Medical University. He is also advisor to the International Center for Higher Education Innovation (UNESCO), Southern University of S&T, Shenzhen, China".

