New Generation School (NGS)



OVERVIEW

The New Generation School Initiative is a key element of new Education Reforms promoted by the Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport. This initiative seeks to create a new development track that will lead to the creation of independent public schools that receive high investment linked to new standards of accountability and governance. Schools that do not meet required standards will lose their status as New Generation Schools, revolutionizing the way in which the Ministry does educational investment. New Generation Schools will provide a new standard of education in the public schools to prepare Cambodian youth for the 21st Century.

This initiative is starting at Sisovath HS in Phnom Penh. Based on a successful prototype piloted at the Demonstration School in Kampong Cham Province, the project is funded directly by MoEYS with implementation by Kampuchean Action for Primary Education (KAPE).



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Program Approach

The NGS program will focus on *Science and Technology* instruction as central themes. These are skills that the Kingdom desperately needs to instill in Cambodian youth as ASEAN integration begins. NGS will, therefore, offer extended hours of instruction for the following subjects: <u>Chemistry</u>, <u>Physics</u>, <u>Biology</u>, and <u>Information Technology</u>

The program will receive extensive investment to modernize educational facilities at the school. This will include the renovation of 5 to 6 science labs, a computer lab, modern classrooms, a 21st century library, and a student counseling office.

Professional Development



Teachers will be selected competitively to ensure that only the best educators are working at the school. Teachers will be held to high professional standards including the abolition of 'rien kua' practices. Selected teachers and school managers at Sisovath HS will participate in an on-going program of capacity building that begins with foundation workshops and continues periodically throughout the year during special Reflection Workshops. School managers will receive training on leadership, planning, principles of youth empowerment, and strict enforcement of Ministry expectations of improved governance.

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Youth Empowerment Services

The principle of Youth Empowerment, as mandated by the MoEYS' National Youth Development Policy, will play a key role in the New Generation School model. Youth Empowerment principles will be manifested by student choice in the subject themes they wish to study, voluntary club membership, and an empowered Student Council that will help manage the program. Counseling services provided to youth will help to ensure that youth decisions are well informed and wise.

Special Student Services

New Generation Schools will provide new student services not found in normal public schools including:

21st Century e-Library – Counseling Services – Subject Clubs – Life Skills Education – Electronic Assessment – Software-based Learning