



**Destination Justice is proud to release  
the First Edition of the Annotated Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Phnom Penh, 5 December 2017** - Today, Destination Justice held the launching of the First Edition of the Annotated Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia at the National University of Management in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Destination Justice is working since 7 years to highlight jurisprudences and Cambodian laws for the use of legal professionals and citizens. After the publication of the Annotated Cambodian Code of Criminal Procedure in 2014, Destination Justice chose to develop this legal culture, annotating the fundamental law: the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

*"All constitutions, including Cambodia's, are a consecration of the people's will to vest authority in a State and organise its institutions, giving it its powers and also limitations in order to protect the people and guarantee their rights and freedoms."*

**PROM Rodolphe, President, Destination Justice**

The First Edition of the Annotated Cambodian Constitution has been possible thanks to the support of many collaborators who developed it, notably the contribution of His Excellency Hor Peng, His Excellency Taing Ratana, Doctor Kuong Teilee, Professor Renoux Thierry-Serge and Prom Rodolphe, President of Destination Justice. Students from the Stanford Law School and the Royal University of Law and Economics were also involved in this project.

This handbook was made to provide students, citizens and policymakers with accessible and accurate information regarding what the principles set out in the Constitution stand for and how they are interpreted based on Cambodian practice and international standards. We strongly believe in the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia and in the Annotated Cambodian Constitution as a tool to be a step-in stone in strengthening the legal community's work toward a better justice in our country.

*"The publication of the Annotated Cambodian Constitution does help to share the context of Cambodian Constitutional law first-hand with academia, legal practitioners, researchers, and also students, all of whom seek to gain more knowledge on constitutional law. Helping to promote a fundamental understanding of the Cambodian Constitution, is another tool for the promotion of Rule of Law and Democracy in this country because the Cambodian Constitution is one of the democratic supreme laws of states in today's world."*

**TAING Ratana, Law Professor and Researcher**

This publication was made possible through the generosity of Transparency International Cambodia - and its sponsors the European Union in Cambodia and the Swedish Embassy in Cambodia - and of Raoul Wallenberg Institute. Throughout this project, collaboration and communication were keys between all collaborators and editors as we grow a dialogue about the supreme Law and its tangible application by practitioners and citizen, and about how we can strengthen this knowledge together. To extend this dialogue further, Destination Justice will hold the next Justice Matters Conference, an annual event for empowering policymakers, practitioners, academics and anyone interested in improving the Cambodian justice system by developing and facilitating tools and collaborations.

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## About Destination Justice

Destination Justice is a social change organisation, as such we believe we are changemakers and together, we can end injustice. To that end, we set ideas in motion, we provide tools and we take action if necessary. Member of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, we brought for the first time to Cambodia the ICC Exhibit Justice Matters for International Justice Day in 2014 and organised a celebration with guest speakers at our Justice Café & Library for International Justice Day 2015. We are currently working on the first Annotated Cambodian Constitution.