

HOPE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

TEACHING SKILLS, CHANGING FUTURES

10 February 2025

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODA



A BRAND NEW BUILDING

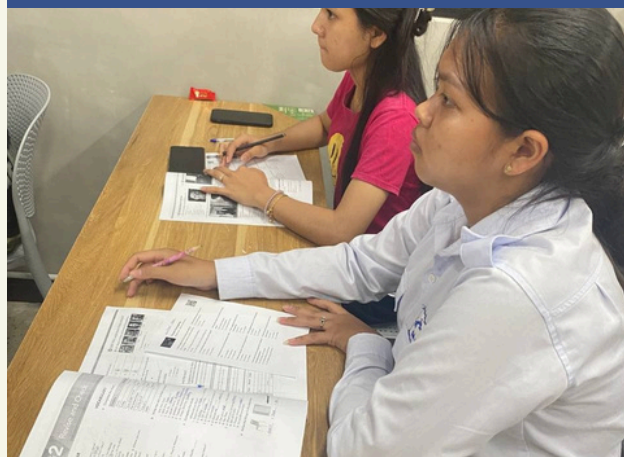
Excited voices echoed in the hall- ways as administrator Mony Peou led the students on a tour of the campus. They admired Café Drops, the coffee shop where, in the not too distant future, HVS will be training baristas. They clambered up to the third floor to inspect the view of their neighborhood. They looked in awe at the brand-new classroom furniture chosen especially for them. A great start!



THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

After years of planning and dreaming and months of construction, Hope Vocational School opened its doors to students on 10 February 2025. Sixty-five students registered to take Korean, Computer, and English. By the end of the first week, when enrollment closed, the HVS enrollment had expanded to eighty-two students!

At the opening assembly, held in the Chapel, Head of School Dr. Delecia Seay Carey explained to the students, "As members of the very first class of this school, you are very important, special students because you, along with these, our founding faculty members, have transformed this from a building into a school."



A GREAT PROBLEM TO HAVE

Because we were uncertain how many students would actually show up on the first day of school, we did not limit the number of students we enrolled. But we soon realized we were going to have trouble accommodating all the students, especially in the evening English class. Fortunately, there was an extra-large classroom on the second floor, so we moved enough student

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desks to accommodate the nearly fifty students who showed up ready to learn. And we started looking for a second English teacher. In the meantime, Teacher Linda Chhoeun employed a speaker and a microphone to make sure everyone could hear. Students were also able to use the speaker and microphone for recitation exercises.

DESIGNED FOR CAMBODIA

Traditional Khmer houses were designed to suit the hot climate. Houses were built on stilts. During the day, families worked and lived at ground level, under the house, where the shade and the breeze make the hot temperatures tolerable.

Although the classrooms and offices of HVS have air-conditioning, the covered breezeways are pleasant any time of the day. Faculty, administration, and students all take advantage of the traditional, climate-appropriate design.



GBGM-Cambodia Missionaries Helen Camarce (country coordinator), Patrick Booth (ARC Director), and Delecia Carey (Head of School) admire the new building.



Hope Vocational School is a combined project of Bridge of Hope, a Korean NGO, and Global Ministries. To support the school, you may donate to the Cambodian Mission Initiative Advance #00230A and indicate that your donation is for HVS.

