

# HOPE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

## TEACHING SKILLS, CHANGING FUTURES

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KIEN SVAY DISTRICT,  
KANDAL PROVINCE, CAMBODIA



### FOSTERING STUDENT MOTIVATION

Teacher Linda is taking an online course sponsored by the US Embassy and administered by the global nonprofit FHI360: "Fostering Student Motivation and Engagement." Her prior teaching experience was with young children, and she thought this class would be a good way to develop skills for working with older students. One of the first activities she adopted was a questionnaire that asked students to consider why they are studying English and what goals they hope to achieve. They also answered questions about how they like to learn. Teacher Linda will use the results to inform her instruction strategies.



### NEW ENGLISH LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

Because many of the students who studied at HVS in 2025 wanted to return in 2026, we decided to add a higher level of instruction for those who were ready to move up. We hoped to find something that would be true to our mission of "Teaching Skills, Changing Futures" and that would best prepare our students for work or higher education. After researching many options, we decided to adapt an Oxford curriculum *Skills for Success: Listening and Speaking* for the needs of our more advanced English language students.



### SMART-TVS & CLASSROOM CONNECTIVITY

Internet service in this rural province isn't always the best. But we have worked with our provider and set up systems where each classroom has a stable connection to our wireless network. All SMART-TVs are up and running and teachers are using them every day.

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: SOKHENG CHHIM



Twenty-three year old Sokheng Chhim is a very busy man. In the mornings, he is an Administrator at Blessing Vision Tree School. In the afternoons, he studies Korean Language at Hope Vocational School. In the evenings, he studies at National Polytechnic Institute Techo Sen University.

Sokheng studied Computer Applications at HVS all three terms last year. After he mastered Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, his boss promoted him from elementary teacher to his current role as Administrator.

In Cambodian schools, the Administrator functions as the registrar and supports the faculty and students in daily school operations. HVS helped make it possible for Sokheng to advance in his career.

After he completed our Computer curriculum, Sokheng decided to transfer to Korean Language at HVS. He is currently enjoying learning under Teacher Kimhourng. His boss is Korean, so Sokheng is happy that he has the chance to learn Korean at HVS.

**SHOUT-OUTS:** Teacher Linda designed a “Shout-Out” activity using the app Padlet to help students cultivate a sense of classroom community and develop the habits of gratitude. Students posted a “thank you” to a classmate, and Teacher Linda responded to their posts (with grammar corrections when necessary!)



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