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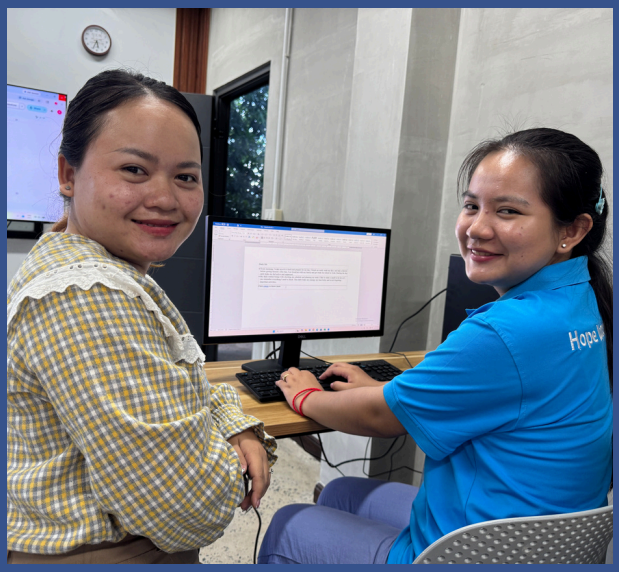

FROM HVS STUDENT TO HVS TEACHER:

Roza Samnang Joins Faculty

A charter HVS student, 26-year-old Roza Samnang initially enrolled in Teacher Linda's "Basic English" class in 2025 before graduating to Dr. Carey's "Conversational English" class where she studied for three terms. She dreamed of polishing her English so that she could use it in the future as a businesswoman.

When HVS had an opening for a computer teacher, Dr. Carey took a look at Roza's resume and realized that she was well qualified for that position. Roza holds a bachelor's degree in business management. She also took several special training courses in Microsoft applications. The four terms she spent studying English at HVS were important too because most Microsoft teaching materials are available only in English. Furthermore, HVS teachers need to understand English since that is the language we use for staff development and training meetings. Finally, Dr. Carey knew how dedicated, responsible, and charismatic Roza was. She checked every box.

Roza was surprised when Dr. Carey asked her to consider teaching Computer Applications at HVS. She had never thought about a teaching career. But after only a few weeks, it is obvious that Teacher Roza is a natural. She works diligently on her lesson plans and spends plenty of time consulting with Dr. Carey and Mrs. Mony. Her students love the interactive approach she has adopted.

Dr. Carey says, "I learned many years ago as a school administrator that hiring visionary teachers with great attitudes and the willingness to grow is the key to building a successful school. Teacher Roza is exactly the kind of person we want on the HVS team."

KOREAN LANGUAGE STUDENTS PRACTICE TAKING TOPIK

T.O.P.I.K. stands for "Test of Proficiency in Korean." This is an official standardized exam given by the Korean government to test language skills. Non-native speakers must take this exam in order to apply to Korean universities. It is even required for people applying for jobs at Korean companies.

In May, HVS Korean language students took a practice TOPIK exam. This is a way for us to evaluate their proficiency and progress. More importantly, we think seeing their results will motivate students to focus on their studies. They can better understand the goal ahead of them.

Students who are ready to take the TOPIK exam will have to go through the registration process with the Cambodia-Korea Cooperation Center (CKCC). Tests are given three times a year and cost about $19. HVS will help qualified students register for the test. We will also provide scholarships to help defray the cost of the test for qualified students who apply.

Helping students prepare for the TOPIK is one way we can fulfill our mission of empowering our students with essential practical skills that will enable them to transition smoothly into the workforce and achieve long-term economic independence.

NATURAL RESPONSES IN CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Anyone who has ever tried to learn a second language knows that there is a big difference between taking a written test and holding a conversation. The students in our "Conversational English" class have mastered the former and are working on the latter.

This month they learned a series of responses to use when they want to engage someone in conversation and demonstrate interest. They practice using "Tell me more," "How did that go?," "Why?," "What about you?," and other expressions to keep a conversation going. We also taught them the "Ask-Answer-Add" formula to go beyond superficial responses. HVS students are developing conversation skills that should benefit them wherever their futures take them.

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