

# C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

## PERSONAL DATA:

**Surname** : THONG  
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**Date of birth** : 23 November 1951  
**Place of birth** : Baray District, Kampong Thom Province, Cambodia.  
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## EDUCATION

2009 – Dec 2011 : Doctor of Philosophy in Tourism Management (Ecotourism), the National University of Economics, Hanoi, Vietnam  
1995 – 1997 : Diploma of Postgraduate in Public Health and Community, Faculty of Medicine, Nancy, France  
1991 – 1995 : Diploma of Doctor of Medicine, University of Medicine Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
1984 : Attended Leadership Training Course in Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
1981 : Attended the Political and Economic Management Course in Hanoi, Vietnam  
1975 – 1978 : Pol Pot Regime, the Khmer Democratic Kampuchea  
1970 – 1975 : Medical Student (4<sup>th</sup> Year at the University of Medicine Phnom Penh)  
1970 : Completed Senior High School Education, Sisowath Senior High School, Phnom Penh  
Before 1970 : Student at Tang Kok High School, Kampong Thom Province

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

May 2007-Present : Minister of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia  
2006-Present : President of the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia (NOCC)  
2004-2008 : Advisor to the Prime Minister  
2003 - May 2007 : Secretary of State, Ministry of Tourism  
1998 - 2003 : Secretary of State, Ministry of Tourism

- 1993 - 1998 : Secretary of State, Ministry of Tourism
- 1990 - 1993 : Vice Minister, Ministry of Information and Culture
- 1985 - 1990 : Mayor of Phnom Penh Municipality  
: (President of People's Committee of Phnom Penh Municipality)
- 1985 : Fully-fledged Member of CPP's Central Committee
- 1983 - 1985 : Vice Mayor of Phnom Penh Municipality  
: (Vice President of People Committee of Phnom Penh Municipality)
- 1981 - 1983 : Chief of Assignment Committee of Phnom Penh Municipality
- 1979 - 1981 : Assignment Cadre and President of Party's Assignment Committee of Phnom Penh Municipality
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1980 : Fully-fledged Member of the Cambodian People's Party

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES:**

- 2012-Present : Chairman of the National Committee for Tourism Professionals
- 2012-Present : Permanent Vice-Chairman of National Committee for Management and Development of Cambodian Bay
- 2012-Present : Chairman of Inter-Ministerial Commission for Admission of Labok Katao Martial Art, Traditional Khmer Martial Arts as the Intangible Heritage of Humanity
- 2011-Present : Chairman of the National Committee for Clean City Assessment
- April 2011 : Chairman of Organizing Commission of the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Taekwondo Federation Championships 2011, held April 7-9, 2011 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- Jan 2011 : Permanent Vice-Chairman of Organizing Commission of the 30<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Forum 2011 (ATF 2011), held January 15-21, 2011 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- April 2010 : Permanent Vice-Chairman of Organizing Commission of the Trail of Civilization Performance 2010, held April 27-29, 2010 in Siem Reap-Angkor, Cambodia
- 2007-Present : Honorary Publicity Ambassador for the Gyeongju World Culture EXPO 2007 and Visit Gyeongbuk-Korea 2007
- Dec 2008-Present : Chairman of Inter-ministerial Committee for Facilitating the Travel and Transport of Tourists and Travelers at Poi Pet International Border Check Points and other International Border Check Points
- 2005-Dec 2008 : Permanent Vice Chairman of Inter-ministerial Committee for Facilitating the Travel and Transport of Tourists and Travelers at Poi Pet International Border Check Points and other International Border Check Points
- 2006-2007 : Permanent Vice Chairman of Organizing Committee for Angkor-Gyeongju World Culture EXPO 2006
- 2004-March 2009 : Vice chairman of Cambodia National Tourism Authority (CANTA)

- 2004-March-2009 : Permanent Vice Chairman of Royal Government Task Force for Poverty Alleviation through Tourism
- 2003-Present : Chairman of National Steering Committee for Mekong Tourism Development Project (MIDP)
- 2003 : Permanent Vice Chairman of Organizing Committee for ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF 2003) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 1993-2006 : First Vice President of National Olympic Committee (NOCC)
- 1989-1991 : Membre bureau de l'Association Internationale des Maires Francophones (AIMF)

**PUBLICATION:**

- Dec 2011 : **Developed Ph.D Thesis on Tourism Management (Ecotourism)**, National University of Economics, Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2010 : Prepared descriptive document about situation of Cambodia Bay under the theme “**Cambodia Bay: Development and Conservation**”
- : Developed an article published in CPP magazine, Topic: “**Ecotourism and Climate Change**”.
- 2009 : Participated in the preparation of Law on Tourism
- 2008-present : Researched and developed recapitulation of tourism and action plan for each year.
- 2008 : Developed the Tourism National Policy which serves as action plan for National Tourism development strategy for five years.
- Oct 2006 : Attended the International conference “Ecotourism Australia International Conference” held in Townville Australia as a guest speaker in the topic: “Ecotourism: Building on Natural Advantage”.
- Oct 1997 : Develop a PhD thesis in medicine - public and community health, Nancy I University (France), Topic: “Health system reconstruction in Phnom Penh from 1979”.

**DECORATIONS:**

- 2011 : **World Leadership Award**, presented during the World Ecotourism 2011 under the theme of “Charting the Future of Ecotourism in Asia”
- 2009 : **Cheatopaka Medal** awarded by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- 2008 : **Gwanghwa Medal** awarded by H.E Roh Moo-hyun, President of the Republic of Korea

**LANGUAGES** : Khmer (Mother tongue)

English, French, Vietnamese (*Fluent*)

**Hobbies** : Site visit, Reading Books, Newspapers, Magazines  
Playing golf and various sports