

### Seminar on "Leadership and Economic Developments of Cambodia - AVI Engagement"



Dr. Chheng Kimlong, President of the Asian Vision Institute (AVI), was a speaker for a discussion on "Leadership and Economic Developments of Cambodia - AVI Engagement".

### AVI Meets Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Cambodia



On March 12, 2024, Dr. Chheng Kimlong, President of Asian Vision Institute (AVI), and H.E. Ükü KOCAEFE, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Cambodia, met at AVI. The two parties discussed potential collaborations, particularly on grassroots development projects like the TECHO 100 Model Village, which aims to promote sustainable development for Cambodian citizens based on their actual needs.

### Seminar on "Challenges of Policy Evaluation in Cambodia and Roles of Japan Towards Good-Governance"



The Centre for Governance Innovation and Democracy (CGID) of the Asian Vision Institute (AVI) hosted a seminar under the title "Challenges of Policy Evaluation in Cambodia and Roles of Japan Towards Good-governance".

### Survey of ASEAN Peoples' Perceptions on China, India, Japan, and the USA



On 5 March 2024 at 14:00 (Cambodia time), Ms. Sun Molika, Deputy Director of the Mekong Centre for Strategic Studies of the Asian Vision Institute, was a speaker in a virtual Public Debriefing on the "Survey of ASEAN Peoples' Perceptions on China, India, Japan, and the USA".

Download the survey:  
<https://www.aseanperceptionssurvey.com>

## [AVI Publishes Article on “Cambodia’s Strategic Overture to France”](#)



Mr Bong Chansambath, Research Fellow at AVI's Mekong Centre for Strategic Studies, has published a new article on East Asia Forum entitled "Cambodia's Strategic Overture to France". He explains why Cambodia has recently forged closer ties with France, which has reciprocally embraced the kingdom to boost its presence in mainland Southeast Asia and ASEAN.

Read full:

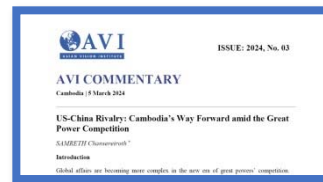
<https://eastasiaforum.org/2024/03/05/cambodias-strategic-overture-to-france/>

## [Special Lecture: Fintech Regulations, Blockchains and Cryptocurrency](#)



The lecture will focus on explaining the basic concepts around blockchains, cryptocurrency, use cases, and the regulatory mechanisms governing them. It will then delve into smart contracts spelling out their distinction from traditional contracts. The lecture will briefly touch upon the developments in Cambodia in the Fintech space and the need & scope for building a concrete regulatory framework around it.

## [AVI Commentary: US-China Rivalry: Cambodia’s Way Forward amid the Great Power Competition](#)



The geopolitical rivalry between the United States and China has intensified current global and regional affairs, leading some countries to shape their foreign policy to reduce some tensions while safeguarding their interests. Not an exception, Cambodia has also been caught in the middle of this power competition.

Read full:

<https://asianvision.org/archives/publications/avi-commentary-issue-2024-no-03-us-china-rivalry-cambodias-way-forward-amid-the-great-power-competition>

## [AVI Co-authored a Report “Comprehensive Strategic Partners: ASEAN and Australia after the First 50 Years”](#)



Dr. Kimly Ngoun, Strategic Advisor to AVI, co-authored a report titled "Comprehensive Strategic Partners: ASEAN and Australia after the First 50 Years." Tim Watts MP, Australia's Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, presided over the launch of the report on March 1, 2024, at Asialink, the University of Melbourne.

Read full:

[https://asialink.unimelb.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/4871008/Comprehensive-Strategic-Partners-ASEAN-Australia-1.pdf](https://asialink.unimelb.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/4871008/Comprehensive-Strategic-Partners-ASEAN-Australia-1.pdf)

## [Ācāra Legal Podcast “Fostering Cambodia’s Economic Development under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership \(RCEP\)”](#)



Ācāra is envisioned to be a legal podcast series dissecting various legal developments in Cambodia and Asia, and will garner legal scholars and practitioners to speak on the issues and challenges, and their vision of the law. Ācāra is named after a concept in Hindu law which refers to customary rules, or the unwritten law.

As the second episode of its first season, Ācāra brought new topic: “Fostering Cambodia’s Economic Development under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)”. Chheang Vannarith, Former President of AVI, as a guest speaker in the second episode.

## [AVI Publishes Article " Navigating National Interest: Unpacking the Funan Techo Canal Project in Cambodia”](#)



Mr Yen Samnang, Research Fellow at AVI's Mekong Centre for Strategic Studies (MCSS), penned an article on Modern Diplomacy titled Navigating National Interest: Unpacking the Funan Techo Canal Project in Cambodia”.

Read full: <https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2024/04/24/navigating-national-interest-unpacking-the-funan-techo-canal-project-in-cambodia/>

## [AVI Publishes Article "Vietnam’s Geopolitical Anxiety over Cambodia’s Funan Techo Canal”](#)



Mr Bong Chansambath, Research Fellow at AVI's Mekong Centre for Strategic Studies (MCSS), published an article on Fulcrum titled "Vietnam’s Geopolitical Anxiety over Cambodia’s Funan Techo Canal". In the article, he highlights Cambodia’s strategic and trade interests in the proposed canal and offers a historical view of the risks resulting from its dependence on foreign ports.”

Read full: <https://fulcrum.sg/vietnams-geopolitical-anxiety-over-cambodias-funan-techo-canal/>

## [Webinar on COVID-19, Food Insecurity and Cash Transfer in Cambodia](#)



The webinar titled "COVID-19, Food Insecurity and Cash Transfer in Cambodia" was held virtually on March 21, 2024. It was a collaborative effort between the Australian National University (ANU), the Future Forum (FKP), the Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), and the Asian Vision Institute (AVI).

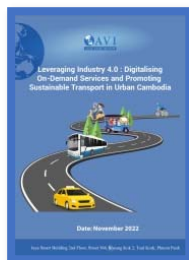
This seminar will discuss the extent to which the CTP in Cambodia have been effective for poor households in maintaining food security during COVID-19. Ari Perdana (PhD candidate, Maastricht University) will present some preliminary findings from a large-scale household phone survey conducted during the pandemic in Cambodia.

## [AVI Meets Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN](#)



On April 09, 2024, Dr. Nguonphan Pheakdey, Executive Vice-President, and colleagues from the Asian Vision Institute (AVI) met with H.E. Hou Yanqi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to ASEAN. The meeting focused on discussing and exchanging views on ASEAN-China relations and the importance of the ASEAN Community building through the promotion of peace, economic growth, and people and cultural connectivity. The meeting also highlighted China's goal of establishing long-term regional cooperation by actively fostering ASEAN integration and prosperity.

## [AVI conducts a study on urban transportation in the capital city of Phnom Penh.](#)



In 2022 a team of AVI conducted a study on urban transportation in the capital city of Phnom Penh. This study utilised relevant theories and particular concepts. The study also aimed to tackle key transportation challenges in Cambodia from national, regional, and international perspectives.

Read full: [https://www.asianvision.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Final\\_Draft\\_Research\\_Report\\_on\\_transportation\\_in\\_urban\\_Cambodia.pdf](https://www.asianvision.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Final_Draft_Research_Report_on_transportation_in_urban_Cambodia.pdf)

## [AVI Co-hosted the 5th Regional Experts' Dialogue on Addressing Climate Risks to Peace and Security in the Mekong](#)



On 14-15 March 2024, the Asian Vision Institute (AVI) and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) co-hosted the 5th Regional Experts' Dialogue on Addressing Climate Risks to Peace and Security in the Mekong at the AVI office. The two-day dialogue sessions were facilitated and moderated by representatives from AVI and HD. Experts collaborated using innovative analytical exercises and a participatory approach to identify common risks to climate, peace, and security (CPS) in the Mekong region. They also generated practical solutions to prevent or mitigate these risks. The dialogue was a step towards building long-lasting collaboration in the region.