



Press Release

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between
Accountability Cambodia (AC) and Khmer Power Party (KPP)
On
Voluntary Income and Asset Declaration Online (VIADO)



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Accountability Cambodia (AC) was registered with the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on date September 2th 2015 as a non-government organization (NGO) and non-partisan, based in Cambodia. AC has a vision to introduce greater accountability within the public and private sectors, as well as in society as a whole, in order to enhance public service delivery and combat corruption. AC's mission is to enhance accountability, integrity and transparency through the use of technologies; to underpin bottom-up empowerment by linking this with a bottom-up approach. AC's value is: Accountability, integrity, transparency, democracy, rule of law, justice, and an inclusive society.

AC has introduced a Voluntary Income and Asset Declaration Online (VIADO) against corruption to NGOs and political parties as a model of the public sector. The President of Khmer Power Party (KPP) agreed to carry out VIADO within his party, and both parties has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on date: October 25, 2016 at Development Innovation. There were 27 participants who are the representatives of the Ministry of Interior, Anti-Corruption Unit, Grassroots Democracy Party, Khmer Power Party, local news, private company, local and international NGOs, including Khmer Youth and Social Development, Accountability Cambodia, Cooperation Committee for Cambodia, and Development Innovation. The Cambodian People Party and the Cambodian National Rescue Party were invited, but they did not participate in the event.



Accountability Cambodia is a party “A” and Khmer Power Party “B” have agreed the following points:

1. VIADO program has a purpose to encourage every citizen, officials and leaders of NGOs, unions, associations, political party, and public sector to demonstrate their integrity by themselves through disclosure information on income and asset online. It provides an opportunity for community members to check information of those officials whether they have any conflict of interest or involve with any corruption during their leadership.
2. The leaders of party B in the head office, provinces, communes and oversea committed to carry out VIADO to demonstrate the integrity politicians.
3. Party B is responsible for submitting documents (VIADO documents of members who carry out VIADO and its supporting documents which is the proof of asset declaration, including certified land certificate, certified bank statement, etc) of to party A’s office or a secure place which is assigned by party A.
4. Party B and its members who carry out VIADO understanding that they practice VIADO voluntarily, and they are responsible for any risks associated with this program. Although party B implements VIADO program voluntarily, party B has to fulfill any obligations which are required by the Cambodian laws and regulations.
5. Party B allows party A to check and verify information on asset declaration before posting on party A’s website.
6. Party A agrees to receive VIADO documents and its supporting letters from party B’s members. Party A will check the VIADO documents and its supporting letters of KPP’s members to ensure information is consistent. Party A will stamp that “Documents are verified”. Party A does not guarantee the sources of revenue and expenditure of party B’s members are legitimate sources. The verification in this document means that information about VIADO documents have supporting documents and information is consistent.
7. Party A is not responsible for any risks associated with those who carry out VIADO.
8. Party A may charge services to verify the documents of party B’ members. In case, party A travels to province(s) to check and verify the documents of party B’s members, party B is responsible to pay for travel, food, and accommodation.
9. Party A will post the verified documents on party A’s website. Party A will issue Certificates of Appreciation to party B’s members to carry out VIADO.
10. Party B agrees to carry out VIADO and will be completed within 3 months after the date of signature. In case party B cannot send all documents and supporting letters of party B’s members to party A during this period, the President of party B agrees to resign from his/her position within the next 3 months.
11. Party B agrees to update information of its members annually.
12. Party A will inform Party B three months before the due date.

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