

SUSTAINABLE C A M B O D I A

University Study Tour of Sustainable Cambodia grade 12 students

What is the greatest opportunity for our grade 12 students in 2022? Providing the University Study Tour is a such special gift for them. It's a lifetime experience trip that everyone went out of the box to make a difference for our students. We helped them to fulfill their dreams of learning and exploring more from the universities in order to make more informed decisions about which University and which major they will choose. We hope they have enough information now to make their best decisions and how to seek more information when they need it. This unforgettable experience will definitely stay in their minds that when they become an educator they will do the same as Sustainable Cambodia did for them.

The Student's activity a few days before the Trip

It's human nature that when you have a trip that it's very coming soon, the excitement of thinking about the trip always brings a smile to your face and makes you feel like can't wait for it. Our students came to the class with beautiful smiles of anticipation and gratitude.

We assigned them to work in groups on the **KWL** learning activity (**K**now, **W**onder, **L**earn) to list out what they already **know** about Universities in Phnom Penh and especially what they **wonder** about, and what they want to learn. English teachers made copies of a **KWL** graphic organizer for all students to collaborate together before the trip. Every student began creating a list of what they knew and what they were eager to learn from the trip. After returning to SC, they continued working with their group members to add details about their learning from their University Study Tour. This was also preparation for their class presentation!





They went there with their wondering list!



Here is our three days trip...!

Day 1

Get ready and leave Pursat.



Having Breakfast



Then continued to Phnom Penh.





The hours on the bus of our students and teachers!

First, it's time to review the ground rules, and expectations. Then getting to know each other by introducing themselves!



Then the Group Leaders did Storytelling along the way to Phnom Penh. The stories were: Educational, Motivational, and Historical. Thanks to the teachers for your well-prepared knowledgeable stories for the students, including discussing questions and answers. This helps you to feel the special time we had. Everyone enjoyed this sharing together!



We laughed, we played and we enjoyed together!

The first place we visit on day 1



We visited the historical place of our Cambodian Nation named Killing Field.

We, Cambodians have a very bitter history. Khmer kill Khmer is a word that is very heart-touching to every Cambodian people. We cannot forget bad things that happened in the past. The students learn history by reading the book and listening to their grandparents and parents who survived the Khmer Rouge regime but visiting Killing Fields definitely brought them into the past.

Walking from place to place with careful listening to the tour guide, it's very emotional. Our hearts cried. We were deeply saddened for the Cambodian people who died during this unforgettable tragic history of the Khmer Rouge.





With a notebook and a pen in their hands, our students took notes of what they learned from the tour guide.





The special evening of day 1



After checking in at the hotel for 30 minutes, we went for dinner at AEON Mall where a modern and fancy market in this big city of Cambodia. That was the first time that the students experienced an escalator. They were so pleased to see Phnom Penh city has become so modern.



We had a very special dinner together.





What an exciting smile on our faces!



Day 2

After breakfast, we visited the National Museum of Cambodia, the country's leading cultural and historical site.



This was the very first experience for us as Cambodian people to step into the National Museum which has kept many cultural statues from each period of the Khmer Kingdom. Walking slowly and listening carefully to the Museum Guide from room to room, from period to period, from one cultural statue to another was fascinating. We learned the amazing details of the history of Khmer. We felt inspired and proud of our country.





Again, with a notebook and pen, everyone took a lot of notes. They excitedly said, "This was what they have been wondering for years!"

The four Universities we visited

1. RUPP (Royal University of Phnom Penh) is the famous and large University in Cambodia.





Participated in the University's presentation



After joining the presentation, the management team, and senior students toured the school campus, the building, and each faculty that they presented.

Our students were so brave to ask questions on their "I Wonder" list. They had beautiful conversations with the senior students at **RUPP** University who shared their own University life experiences. Those personal details are so valuable and reassuring for our students to know.











2. ITC (Institute of Technology of Cambodia)



We called this school "Techno". It's one of the famous school that is specialize in Engineering. The learning environment there is exceptional. They have many laboratory rooms for the students to practice and research. Very interesting one!

Participated in the school presentation.

We were so amazed to see how experiments work with modern technology. We learned that the Environment Engineering Department is currently

researching a very important project to filter and extract pollutants from the factory's polluted water.





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3. RUA (Royal University of Agriculture

This is the large Agriculture school in Cambodia.



The school presentation.

Going there reminded us of all about life as Cambodians that are dependent upon Agriculture for living. Students could feel that these products come from their own hands.



Everyone was very interested in the Department of Food Science. There were many food products that were handmade by the students. They first learned from the class and then had a hands-on practical learning experience.



4. PNC (Passerelles numériques Cambodia)

PNC is our school and NGO partner for years. There are many Sustainable Cambodia students who have been attending in this excellent school in Information Technology skills.



After the presentation, they toured us around from room to room to see how the school is set up for students. There is a small library for the students to read books, a nice space for the student to do self and group study, and a big classroom that is very comfortable.





Our scholars **Phean** and **Dyna** shared their learning and living experiences at PNC







Visited Infinity insurance

We took the five grade 12 students who are sponsored by **Infinity Insurance** visited their sponsors. the management team shared helpful advices about choosing and discussing skills and subjects. We appreciated their valuable time greeting us.





The students' activity after the trip

Students learned so much in our capital city after these three days away from their hometown villages. Now it's time to discuss and prepare for the class presentation. They worked together to write down the KWL Chart on the flip chart papers.





And ready for the presentation!



They presented what they learned "L" part proudly and effectively.

They learned so much more than their wondering list.

Before ending the presentation, each of them shared their interests and experiences. They are very thankful for lighting up their way in choosing a strong university path. There are no words to describe how happy and grateful they feel. Our student Ny Sreyneath, her tears of joy were shed with the beautiful smiling of gratitude.



Theavy "On behalf of the grade 12 students, I would like to express my deepest thanks to **David**, **Susan**, and **Richard** for working together to support this wonderful study tour. Thank you for always thinking about our future. I also would like to give thanks to all the teachers who took a lot of effort to arrange and make this whole trip go well with full of joy, safety and knowledge. Thank you for taking us to see all these wonderful places and Universities in Phnom Penh. This trip really motivated us to work harder to pass the upcoming National State Exam and go forward to the University. We will make the right decision based on what we have learned from each University. We will try our best to do it. We wish you all the best for health and happiness. We thank you and we love you!

