



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON RESEARCH AND PROJECT COOPERATION
BETWEEN
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS
ROYAL ACADEMY OF CAMBODIA

SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY RAINWATER RESEARCH CENTER

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports ("MoEYS"), the Royal Academy of Cambodia Rainwater Training and Research Center ("RTRC"), and the Seoul National University Sustainable Water Management Center, also known as the Rainwater Research Center ("RRC"), affirm their commitment to the principles outlined in the "Rain School Initiative in Monsoon Regions to Overcome Climate Crisis" and the "Rain School Initiative through the Activities of BiTS and Skywater Committee" as part of the UN Water Action Agenda.

As part of a localized follow-up to the UN Water Action Agenda, these entities agree to collaborate on launching a project titled "**Rain School Initiative in Cambodia: Build 1000 Rain Schools.**" This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) commits the three institutions to work together to ensure the successful implementation of this initiative.

ARTICLE 1: OBJECTIVE

- 1-1. Collaborate to build 1,000 Rain Schools in Cambodia, addressing the climate crisis and adhering to the UN Water Action Agenda guidelines.
- 1-2. Rectify public misconceptions about rainwater by providing technical education and training to engineers, the public, and students.
- 1-3. Introduce technical, economic, and social innovations for establishing Community-Based Rainwater for Drinking (CBRD) systems in Cambodian communities.
- 1-4. Gather and share global climate knowledge, particularly integrating Cambodian and Korean experiences with advanced technology.
- 1-5. Establish the **International Rain School Network** at RTRC and RRC.

ARTICLE 2: IMPLEMENTATION

The three parties agree to form a working consultative group to connect involved institutions and facilitate ongoing discussions to refine and advance the project.

2-1. **RTRC** will lead rainwater training and research projects in Cambodia and work with international organizations such as UNICEF and WHO to disseminate findings.

2-2. **MoEYS** will assist with coordinating project sites and incorporating the Rain School concept into school curricula, while exploring innovative funding strategies.

2-3. **RRC** will share research results on rainwater harvesting and management with RTRC and facilitate connections with the global rainwater network for international cooperation, particularly in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6) to address the climate crisis.

The delivery and management of funds will be executed according to terms agreed upon by the parties, ensuring maximum attainment of the project objectives.

ARTICLE 3: CONFIDENTIALITY

Each party agrees to keep confidential any proprietary or sensitive information shared during the course of this collaboration, unless prior written consent is given by the disclosing party. This confidentiality obligation will survive the termination of this MOU.

ARTICLE 4: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

All intellectual property (IP) created during the collaboration will be jointly owned by the parties, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing. The parties will ensure that IP rights are fairly distributed, and any commercialization of the IP will be discussed and agreed upon in advance.

ARTICLE 5: FUNDING AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The parties will share the financial responsibilities for the execution of the project. Specific financial contributions, including fundraising strategies, will be determined by mutual agreement. Financial reports detailing the use of funds will be shared regularly among the parties.

ARTICLE 6: MONITORING AND REPORTING

A regular reporting mechanism will be established to monitor the progress of the project. Each party will submit quarterly reports detailing their contributions, progress, and any challenges encountered. The parties agree to hold bi-annual meetings to review the progress and discuss any adjustments needed.

ARTICLE 7: EFFECTIVENESS AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum will become effective once each party has notified the others in writing that it has completed all necessary internal procedures for the conclusion and implementation of the agreement. The effective date shall be the date of the last written notification.

This Memorandum will remain in force indefinitely unless terminated by either party providing one month's written notice of intent to terminate. Termination will not affect existing contractual obligations that have been separately agreed upon under this MOU.

Any amendments to this MOU must be agreed upon in writing by all three institutions and attached to this document.

ARTICLE 8: SUSPENSION

Each party reserves the right to temporarily suspend the implementation of this MOU, in whole or in part, for reasons of national security, national interest, public order, or public health. Suspension will take effect immediately upon written notification to the other parties.

ARTICLE 9: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any disputes or differences regarding the interpretation or application of this MOU shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiation between the parties, without reference to any external party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Memorandum in triplicate, in the English language, with all three copies being equally authentic.

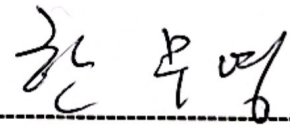
Signature for and on behalf of:

Phnom Penh, October 4, 2024.

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