



## VANNARITH CHHEANG

A passionate and experienced public policy analyst, government relations strategist, partnership building specialist, mediator, and educator. He has 12 years of professional experience in think tanks, universities, governments, and corporations. His field of expertise include geopolitical risk analysis, diplomacy and mediation, inclusive digital economy, sustainable development, and digital data governance. He values integrity, justice, and inclusion.

### CONTACT

#### *LinkedIn*

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#### *Website*

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### SKILLS

*Public policy analysis and government relations*

*Partnership building and stakeholder management*

*Diplomacy and mediation*

*Behaviour insights and change management*

### LANGUAGES

*Khmer-Native*

*English-Fluent*

*Vietnamese-Fluent*

*French-Basic*

*Japanese-Basic*

### LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

#### **President**, Asian Vision Institute (AVI)

January 2019-Present

- Building national and international partnerships
- Analysing global and regional megatrends
- Promoting diplomacy and mediation
- Developing and managing projects on geopolitical risk analysis, inclusive digital economy, digital data governance, and sustainable development

#### **Government Relations Strategist**, Investincambodia

August 2020-July 2021

- Analysing business and investment trends in Cambodia
- Building trust-based public-private partnerships
- Developing government relations strategy for the clients

#### **Chairman**, Advisory Council of the National Assembly of Cambodia

June 2019-December 2021

- Drafting policy briefs for the Members of Parliament
- Contributing inputs to international parliamentary dialogues

#### **Southeast Asia Consultant**, The Nippon Foundation

March 2016-March 2018

- Analysing emerging regional issues and identifying regional stakeholders in Southeast Asia
- Developing Asia Programme for the Foundation (regional dialogues, fellowship programme), including social innovation and social impact investment programmes

#### **Executive Director**, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace

June 2009-May 2013

- Developing and implementing projects and programmes
- Facilitating Track-Two Diplomacy dialogues
- Drafting policy recommendations, particularly on ASEAN

## AWARDS & HONOURS

*Young Global Leader,  
World Economic Forum  
(2013-2018)*

*Southeast Asian Young  
Leader, IISS Shangri-La  
Dialogue (2016)*

*Asian Public Intellectual,  
The Nippon Foundation  
(2013)*

*Global Emerging Voices,  
T-wai (2013)*

*Young Leaders  
Programme, CSIS Pacific  
Forum (2010)*

*Emerging Leaders  
Programme, The Asia  
Foundation (2009)*

*Asia Pacific Leadership  
Programme, East-West  
Centre (2008)*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

*National Council on  
Science, Technology and  
Innovation*

*Asian Cultural Council*

*The ASEAN Network*

*ASEAN Green Deal*

**Technical Advisor**, Cambodia Civil Society Alliance Forum of the Council of Ministers

August 2016- October 2018

- Facilitating dialogues between the government institutions and civil society organisations

**Secretary (Cambodia)**, Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP)

- Coordinating and facilitating expert meetings
- Drafting memoranda on regional security issues

**Technical Advisor**, National Assembly of Cambodia

August-September 2011

- Organising training programme for the Members of Parliament
- Drafting joint communiqué of the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

**Assistant to Defence Minister**, Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia  
January 2011-December 2012

- Assisting the Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia to organise the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting
- Drafting speeches and statements

## CONSULTANCY

**UNCDF** (United Nations Capital Development Fund)

March 2021-September 2021

- Conducting studies and drafting reports on financing for sustainable development in Cambodia

**UNOPS** (United Nations Office of Project Services)

December 2020-April 2021

- Developing partnership building strategy
- Mapping and engaging national and international stakeholders

**USAID** (United States Agency for International Development)

May-December 2020

- Digital data governance in ASEAN and Cambodia

**ERIA** (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia) February-May 2020

- Parliamentary Diplomacy and Sustainable Development Goals

**UNESCAP** (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)

April-July 2016

Kirirom Institute of  
Technology (KIT)

Tech for Kids

## REFERENCES

Available on request.

## PUBLICATION

<https://vannarithchheang.com/publications/>

- ARTNeT Project: Facilitating Trade to Narrow Development Gap in ASEAN

**ADB** (Asian Development Bank) (April-August 2011)

- Economic integration and regional trade facilitation

**ERIA** (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)  
June-December 2009

- Survey on constraints on SMEs in Cambodia and their Participation in Regional Production Network

## EDUCATION

**PhD in Asia Pacific Studies** (June 2006-May 2009)  
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Oita, Japan

**Graduate Certificate in Leadership** (August 2008-May 2009)  
East-West Center, Honolulu, USA

**MA in International Relations** (April 2004-April 2006)  
International University of Japan, Niigata, Japan

**BA in International Relations (Major in International Economics)**  
(September 1998-October 2002)  
Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam

## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

**ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute**, Singapore (April 2017- Aug 2018 and October 2020-July 2021). Research project on the geopolitics and geopolitics of the Mekong region.

**East-West Centre**, Washington DC (May-November 2020). Research project on US-ASEAN relations.

**China Institute for International Relations**, Beijing (July-September 2016). Research project on China-ASEAN relations.

**Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO)**, Japan (June 2012-January 2013). Research project on Tourism Development in Southeast Asia.

## TEACHING & TRAINING

**Adjunct Lecturer**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)  
August 2017-Present  
International Politics of the Asia-Pacific; Politics and Government in Southeast Asia

**Visiting Professor**, Kirirom Institute of Technology (KIT)  
March 2021-Present  
Digital Leadership; Behavioural Insights; Change Management

**Lecturer**, University of Leeds (United Kingdom)  
February 2013-January 2016

Contemporary Southeast Asia; Governance and Development in  
Southeast Asia; International Politics of the Asia Pacific Region

**Leadership Trainer**, Enrich Institute (August 2016-October 2018)

**Trainer**, Harpswell ASEAN Program in Women's Leadership (2018-  
Present)