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Ministry of Interior signed MoU with TI Cambodia to establish School of Governance

Phnom Penh, 15 January 2016 — as a part of Government's contribution in building human resources and strengthening the capacity of state and non-state, national and sub-national institutions, Ministry of Interior and Transparency International Cambodia signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 2016 – 2020 to train public servants on good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability.

Named as School of Governance, the training program aims to equip relevant public officials at both national and sub-national levels on practical skills and expertise to manage national resources and deliver services to the people more effectively and efficiently.

Participants of this School of Governance will comprise of national and sub-national officials who have direct duties to deliver public services as well as to make decision. Small percentages of participants will also be from civil society organizations and students who are interested to learn or enhance their skills and expertise in this field.

School of Governance will offer variety of specialize skillsets and they are entitled to receiving certificate of specialization, diploma, or master depending on their choice of study and duration of the program and their performance.

“We are proud to be in partnership with the Ministry of Interior to set up this school. I hope it will assist public officials and the government in delivering public services while, at the same time, building institutional capacity to manage and safeguard national resources in line with the government's strategies,” said Mr. Preap Kol, Executive Director of Transparency International Cambodia.

Speaking at the ceremony, **H.E. Ngy Chanphal**, Secretary of State, expressed the support of the Royal Government of Cambodia and welcomed the project in the creation of School of Governance as well as encouraged to increase the cooperation with TI Cambodia to achieve each priority of government's reform and national development's sustainability. In his speech, **H.E. Ngy Chanphal** said that "School of Governance will contribute vastly to increase social capital, particularly, to increase the state's ownership of sub-national administrative and to reach the achievement of

Rectangular Strategy Phase 3, including job growth, equity and efficiency. Also, this school will play a role in the strengthening of democratic infrastructure as well.”

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