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BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2020 THE CAMBODIAN BUDDHIST TEMPLE PROJECT IN THE ACT



1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a business plan to pay the remaining loans from the Temple building project, which is the first Cambodian-style Buddhist temple in the ACT. As the background, the land was donated by the ACT Government in 2016 and the construction commenced immediately and took almost 12 months to complete. The total project cost was \$ 1,207,513.10 for the construction of the main building and carpark.

The Association funded the construction through various mechanisms, including: the sale of the Charnwood property, and direct and indirect donations (borrowed) from Cambodian communities across Australia.

However, the Association needs extra funding to pay the \$260,346 (originally was \$315,500 loan) and \$250,000 to cover outfits and decorations as needed.

Once everything is completed, this symbol of Cambodian Buddhism will become a place for spiritual, community, and humanitarian activities among Cambodians in Canberra. It will strengthen the sense of solidarity and build connectedness amongst Cambodians in the ACT and those across Australia, including those back in Cambodia. It will also play a crucial role in mitigating the potentially negative impacts on Cambodians who are uprooted from their homeland, also assisting in the resettlement of Cambodian migrants and students in the ACT making their lives in Australia more functional and productive

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION'S ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

Khemararangi Buddhist Temple of ACT Inc. is a non-profit and non-political association, which bears no distinction of race, gender or religious faith. It aims to preserve the rich Cambodian culture and traditions, and to foster and maintain good relationships amongst Cambodians in Canberra, as well as providing information on Cambodian Buddhism within Australia.

Essentially our activities and services are the teaching of Buddha making them accessible to all Cambodians in the ACT. Our long-term goal is to further promote good relationships between the Cambodian Buddhist society within Australia and Buddhist societies and religions around the world. The Association also represents the Cambodian Buddhist society in the ACT and liaises with government authorities on various issues, including those related to Buddhist monks.

VALUES

"Teach this triple truth to all: A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity." – Buddha

VISION

As representatives of the Cambodian-Australian society, we strongly believe in a community-based development through social participation and volunteerism. Incorporating this type of culture is certain to bear us fruits of happiness, prosperity, and sustainable development.

MISSION

Our mission is to promote happiness, peace, harmony, prosperity, human rights, democracy and sustainability. This is attained through the practices of the Khmer culture and Buddhism among the Cambodian-Australian community, as well as mainstream society.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a meeting space or build a Buddhist temple as a centre and main gathering place for community members.
2. To provide religious and educational programs, which include: retreats, mindfulness meditation, knowledge and teaching of Buddhist philosophy, chanting from Buddhist scriptures, religious address and traditional blessings.
3. To establish a Khmer language class, promoting culture and tradition through education in both theory and practice.
4. To provide a venue and opportunity for people to gather for cultural and religious purposes and other activities.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Under the Association's constitution, the overall responsibility for operating and managing the Association, including the control and management of business affairs of the temple, is in the hands of committee members.

LEVEL OF NET COMMUNITY BENEFIT ON DELIVERY

Living in a new country, far from home, presents tremendous challenges to Cambodian migrants and students in Australia. These include: (1) the reduced connectedness, if not totally disconnection, with friends, relatives, family members back in Cambodia, and the Cambodian society as a whole; (2) the challenges in establishing new social networks and making friends among Cambodians in ACT; and (3) the adaptation problems to new society which is far more advanced, compared to Cambodia, and its culture and environment.

To address the challenges and to mitigate the potential negative impacts of uprooting associated with new settlement among Cambodians in the ACT, the Association has been supporting the existence and operation of "the Khemrarangsi Buddhist Temple" in the ACT. The Charnwood residence has long been acting as a Buddhist temple providing venues for: (a) spiritual practices, (b) a centre for the promotion and study of Buddha's teachings, (c) a convention centre for community and humanitarian activities among Cambodians in the ACT, (d) educational and cultural centre for Cambodian and Buddhism study, and (e) Khmer (Cambodian official language) literacy classes for Cambodian children born in Australia.

As the symbol of Buddhism and Cambodian culture and traditions, the temple also helps establish connectedness between Cambodians living in the ACT and other Cambodian communities across Australia.

3. BUDGET PROPOSAL

In order to provide a comprehensive budget proposal to finish off the rest of the project, is detailed below with a breakdown of the construction costs and fundraising strategies to generate funds payment of the outstanding bridging loan, at the end of the project, and the outfit costs.

3.1 PROJECT BUDGET

3.1.1 CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Summary of the Construction Cost

\$	550.00	(Land Survey)
\$	4,180.00	(Architect)
\$	47,905.00	(land cost)
\$	762,783.00	(Building cost)
\$	63,500.00	(Altar construction)
\$	78,383.00	(Roof alteration)
\$	20,386.05	(Electricity connection)
\$	198,072.00	(Carpark)
\$	27,500.00	(Retaining wall)
\$	4,254.05	(Miscellaneous)

\$	1,207,513.10	(Total)

Outstanding Bridging loan :	\$260,346
Outfits and Decorations:	\$250,000

Total	\$510,346

3.1.4 Fund Raising Strategies

Although the Cambodian community in Canberra is relatively small in comparison to other States and Territories, this project has been actively and strongly supported by Cambodian communities in NSW, Victoria, QLD, and SA. The Cambodian Buddhist Association of VIC (Wat Buddharangsi Melbourne), Wat Khemarangsaram of NSW and the Cambodian Buddhist Association of QLD has been participating in raising donations towards the temple construction.

During the next 12 months the Association will actively engage in numerous funding raising activities. Cambodians' observe many traditional and religious activities each year and this provides ideal venues for collecting donations. In addition, there are also direct donations from Cambodian communities across Australia.

Below is a list of major fund raising activities planned, including the activities for the next 12 months. Please note that the estimated donations to be collected are based on donations received in the past.

Major Activities
1. Fundraising from various sources (Government grants, all States in Australia and others)
2. Bon Pchum Ben (annually)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Date:</i> September to October – 15 days • <i>Location:</i> Canberra and Sydney • <i>Estimated funds to be raised:</i> at least \$ 5,000 per year • <i>Activities:</i> Cambodian Buddhists pay their respects to deceased relatives on ancestor's day. Donations will be collected at both Khemarangsi Buddhist Temple in Canberra and Wat Khemarangsaram in Sydney.

<p>3. Flower Festival organised by Cambodian Community in Sydney & Melbourne (Bon Phka)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location:</i> Canberra • <i>Estimated funds raised:</i> a minimum of \$ 15,000 • <i>Activities:</i> The Cambodian Community in Sydney will collectively raise the funds toward the construction Project.
<p>4. End of Buddhist Lent (Bon Kathen) (annually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Date:</i> November • <i>Location:</i> Canberra • <i>Estimated fund to be raised:</i> about \$ 15,000 • <i>Activities:</i> A religious festival in which clothes and supplies are donated to monks. This activity is celebrated annually
<p>5. Year-End Concert (annually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Date:</i> December • <i>Location:</i> Canberra • <i>Estimated funds to be raised:</i> approximately \$ 5,000 per year • <i>Activities:</i> To celebrate the end of year and the event is a gathering for ACT Cambodians.
<p>6. Meak Bochea (annually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Date:</i> February • <i>Location:</i> Canberra • <i>Estimated funds:</i> a minimum of \$ 1,500 for two years • <i>Activities:</i> Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of monks to listen to Buddha's preaching.
<p>7. Cambodian New Year (annually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location:</i> Canberra • <i>Estimated funds raised:</i> a minimum of \$ 5,000 • <i>Activities:</i> The Cambodian new year is the most important festival on the calendar and is held over 3 days. Cambodians go to the temple to pray and offer alms to monks and make donations.
<p>8. Visaka Bochea (annually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Date:</i> April or May (depending on the moon calendar) • <i>Location:</i> Canberra • <i>Estimated funds raised:</i> approximately \$ 2,000 over two years • <i>Activities:</i> Buddhist observance commemorating the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha.

3.1.5 Estimate Cash Flow Budget for Operation for the next 12 months – Jun 2019 to Jul 2020

ESTIMATE CASH FLOW BUDGET OPERATION
Jun 2019 to Jul 2020

Funds raised from various source	\$15,000
Bon Chum Ben	\$5,000
Bon Phka	\$15,000
Bon Kathen	\$15,000
Year-End Concert	\$5,000
Meak Bochea	
Cambodian New Year	\$5,000
Visaka Bochea	\$2,500
Donations	\$5,000
Others	\$1,000
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Note:

- The above cash flow is calculated based on the previous years' financial performance
- There is no cost for meals and entertainment reflected in the above cash flow budget as meals are regularly provided at no cost to the monk by elderly members living in surrounding suburbs.
- The Association is currently offering Khmer language classes to the children and adults in Canberra. There are two levels, beginner and intermediate. These classes have been recognised by the Ethnic School Association and have received annual subsidies to fund the operational cost of this program. The cash flow budget reflects the income and expenditure accordingly.