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Welcome Message from the Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

On behalf of the Governing Board of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (IUCN Academy), I would like to extend to you our warmest welcome to the in-country “Training-the-Teachers” Program to be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, hosted by the Faculty of Law and Public Affairs, Pannasastra University of Cambodia, from November 27 – 1 December, 2017.

As part of an ambitious vision to encourage academic institutions throughout Asia to include the study of environmental law as a core subject, the IUCN Academy began the development of a “Training-the-Teachers” (TTT) course about 10 years ago. With the generous support of the Asian Development Bank, the IUCN Academy was able to conduct two very successful Train-the-Trainers Programs in Manila during 2015 for some 65 scholars from 14 Asian countries. These two Manila courses have paved the way for the ADB and the IUCN Academy to collaborate further on capacity building of law professors and lecturers in the teaching of environmental law within Asia by delivering four in-country TTT programs during 2016 (in Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines and China).

We are pleased that ADB is supporting the continuation of this project during 2017 with the delivery of three more in-country programs (in Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar), and are delighted to be conducting this in-country TTT program in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This will be the seventh in-country TTT program to be delivered thus far, with participants to be selected from both Cambodia and Laos.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trainers, both local and international, who have dedicated their time to lead and participate in the Siem Reap TTT Program. Equally, we would like to thank all the participants for your interest in being trained to teach the subject of environmental law. We hope that this is only the beginning of your contribution to making environmental law an important subject in your universities for your students, as well as an important area for your future legal research.

Professor Elizabeth Kirk,
Chair of the Governing Board,



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Dear Participants,

Congratulations. On behalf of the management of **Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia** and **Faculty of Law and Public Affairs of (FLPA-PUC)**, as a host institution, I would like to begin by extending my warm welcome and sincere gratitude to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in the Train-The-Teachers programs (“TTT Programs”) in Environmental Law in Siem Reap from November 27-December 1, 2017.

The Train-The-Teachers in Environmental Law Program (“TTT Programs”) is established under ADB’s regional technical assistance project to strengthen environmental law in the Asia-Pacific region by developing environmental law champions. The has submitted its expression of interest to host the TTT programs in Cambodia because it is in line with the faculty’s three pillars of legal educations namely pioneerism, internationalism and multi-disciplinarilism. As a local law school, our goal is to internationalize our law programs to meet the global and regional agenda in addition to local needs.

The purpose of the TTT Programs is to expand and improve the teaching of environmental law in Cambodia and Lao PDR since this area is new and there is a shortage of professors, experts and scholars. I expect this training will serve as an opportunity for Professors from Cambodia and Lao PDR, and international trainers from Australia, UK and South Africa to share knowledge and expertise on ways to promote environmental law teaching and research in each respective country and also cooperation.

Expanding a new area of research and teaching is quite challenging for us because it is required efforts and commitments to be an expert in the new area. But for professor it is part of an academic life. Therefore, I appreciate everyone for taking such a journey. You are deserved to name as winners of ADB Environmental law Champion Award.

On a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you ADB, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Cambodian government, all resources persons and people who have put their efforts and make the program happen this week.

Once again, I welcome you all to Siem Reap, the Kingdom of Cambodia, a famous province of the World Cultural Heritage, Angkor Wat. I hope you take your time to explore some sightseeings, local culture, traditions, religions and food.

Yours sincerely,

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Dean and Professor