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OPENING CEREMONY HELD OF THE FIRST BRITISH UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN CAMBODIA.

9 August 2024, (PHNOM PENH) - The opening ceremony of the first UK university campus in Cambodia was held yesterday the 8 August. De Montfort University Cambodia was honoured that the ceremony was presided over by **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

In his welcome remarks, His Excellency Dominic Williams MBE, British Ambassador to Cambodia, said:

“I am delighted that De Montfort University has opened a campus in Cambodia - I see this as a significant British contribution to Cambodia’s continued development. DMU Cambodia will ensure that more Cambodian young people are able to access a world class education and develop the skills needed to sustain Cambodia’s impressive rates of economic growth.

With the addition of DMU to the British education family in Cambodia, it’s now possible for Cambodian young people to study in a UK institution, right here in Cambodia, from early years through to post-graduate level. I believe many students and parents will value the opportunity to receive a world class education, while remaining connected to their family, their community and the rich Cambodian culture.”

Sakina Zafar, Executive President, DMU Cambodia added:

‘I would like to thank Samdech Prime Minister, for his inspiring address, focusing on the importance of education and the role it can play in the development of human capital. We are excited to welcome our first undergraduate and postgraduate students. For the first time, they will be able to study locally for a UK degree at a British University campus, benefiting from the globally recognised advantages of receiving a UK university education.

Our students have chosen to study impactful Finance, Business and IT degree programmes and a Global MBA postgraduate programme. These will all be taught by an international academic team to UK academic standards with students being awarded their degrees from DMU in the UK.

Combined with DMU’s global campus network opportunities, our students will benefit from a truly international learning experience. We look forward to being part of their educational journey and supporting them to fulfil their potential.’

De Montfort University (DMU) founded in 1870, is a dynamic institution based in Leicester, UK, which has for over 150 years provided inspirational teaching to students and is bringing this focus on excellence and making a global impact to Cambodia. Postgraduate classes will start week beginning the 7 October 2024 with Undergraduate classes starting on the 14 October 2024.

Note to Editors:

- Founded in 1870 and over 150 years of teaching history. Around 35,000 students currently studying with DMU in the UK and overseas.
- QS rated DMU as a 5-star 'excellent' institution. DMU joins 13 other universities in the UK and just over 100 universities worldwide in being granted the 5-star accolade.
- DMU among the top 20 universities in the world for sustainability and the only university in the UK to be given global hub status for a Sustainable Development Goal by the United Nations.
- On successful completion of their studies, students will receive degrees awarded by DMU in the UK.
- A wide range of scholarships are available to help support students.
- After studying with DMU Cambodia for a year, students will have the option to access DMU's global campus network including going to study at DMU in the UK for any remaining years they choose.
- DMU Cambodia will be focused on employability and offering an affordable international UK education locally.
- A range of Undergraduate Business, Accounting and Finance and Information Technology Bachelors degree programmes and a Global MBA Postgraduate degree programme is offered. In addition, a Centre for English Language Learning will be established at the start of teaching in 2024 specialising in English language preparation and English for business.
- The university is located in Koh Pich and interior designed with areas for study, interaction, relaxation and collaboration.
- Postgraduate classes will start on the 7 October 2024 with Undergraduate classes starting on the 14 October 2024.
- Admissions enquiries remain open for starting in 2024.

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