



H.E Dr. PHOEURNG Sackona

President of APSARA National Authority



HE. Dr. Phoeurng Sackona was nominated by the Cambodian Royal Government as the Minister of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia in 2013 and then four years later, as President of the Apsara National Authority, which represents the Royal Government of Cambodia at ICC-Angkor. She is also the current President of the Board of Directors of the prestigious Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC).



As the President of Apsara, she oversees relevant political decisions and regulations management, working closely with all the stakeholders to ensure the conservation and protection of the World Heritage site of Angkor. She plays a key role ensuring that both local and international development projects are well coordinated and respect the values of the UNESCO as well as the well-being of the local population. Fostering the intangible traditions of cultural heritage existing inside the ancestral community maintains continuity with the grandeur of the Khmer Empire from the past through to the present, and assures that this heritage will survive to be passed on to future generations..



Dr. Phoeurng Sackona holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering (1987) from Gubkine Institute of Technology in Moscow, Russia. She obtained her Master's Degree (1998) and Doctorate (2003) in Microbiology from the Bourgogne University in France.

Her career started in 1987 at the Ministry of Industry, before she moved to the Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC) as a lecturer, and later was promoted to be Dean of the Department of Chemistry and Food Technology. From 2003 to 2008, she took over responsibility as the General Director of ITC, before being appointed as a Secretary of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.



Dr. Phoeurng Sackona speaks Russian, French and English and pursues an avid interest in the humanities, especially literature and fine arts.