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Sopharath was born in 1972. He got the Bachelor degree in Architecture and urban planning (1998 in Cambodia). He has completed the Course worked of the Asian Preservation Field School by University of Hawai'i at Manoa (1996 in Cambodia).

He has studied the Khmer Traditional Houses and Pagodas Project, APSARA (1997 -1998).He has attended the Ta Nei training Program in Cultural Heritage Preservation, Restoration and Management, at Angkor organized by APSARA, ICROM, SPAFA, UNESCO (1999-2000). He has completed the training that was two objectives : First, to encourage participants to develop a global and integrated vision of their Natural and Cultural work Environment, Then, to transmit the Conceptual Methodological and Technical bases of Town Planning, regional development and Land use planning with reference to the Khmer context and the Development of the Tourist potential of the region of Siem Reap and Angkor by Professor Pierre S. Guertin ,Architecte et Urbaniste,professeur titulaire de l'Universite Laval, Canada (2001 in Cambodia). More than 20 years working in the World Heritage Site of Angkor, Sopharath's main responsible works are diversified: worked in the Maintenance Unit of Department the Conservation of Monuments and Archeology, from September 2000 to December 2004, that is for its entire duration in the skills transfer program organized By the FSP Project, (Found the Solidarity priority) by Professor Michel Verrot ,Architecte des Batiments de France et architecte Urbaniste de l'État chef du projet FSP. He worked on the Department of Development Heritage in Siem Reap region (2005-2018). He has Successfully completed training course on West Management by MRC/GTZ-WSMP (2010 in Cambodia).

He worked on the Siem Reap Heritage Street Addressing Project started on the field in October 2012, was involved Project managed financial participation of AIMF. He has Successfully Completed the course on Infrastructure Project Development, Planning and Management Conducted by the Centre for Continuing Education-Nanyang Technological University Singapore at the Cambodia- Singapore Training Centre (2013). Deputy Director of Department the Technical Support and inter-Sector of Project of APSARA (2018 -2022). He has successfully completed the fellowship program on 2018 international Training program for " Conservation and Restoration Project for the Preah Phithu temple group in Angkor Complex "(Cambodia) organized by the Korean International Cooperation Agency and the Korean Cultural Heritage Foundation under the International Cooperation Program of the Government of Korea (2018 in Korea) . and then He is Director of Department the Conservation of Monuments and Archaeology of National APSARA Authority (2022- now).