

# Education of Valuers – Experiences in Developing Cambodia

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## ABSTRACT

The paper discusses experiences from Land Valuation Adviser's mission in the "Cambodia Cadastral Project". The mission took place at the General Department of Cadastre and Geography (GDCG) of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction in Phnom Penh during four months in the year 2001.

The mission was a first step in long-term land valuation development work among the Cambodian authorities. The main task of the Land Valuation Adviser was to carry out a base study for land valuation determining the existing formal and informal procedures and functions, the present needs and possible users etc. Based on this base study the Adviser was expected to start the development, demonstration and documentation of a "land valuation system" for Cambodia.

On the basis of the base study the Land Valuation Adviser made proposals for developing the valuation legislation and organizing the valuation tasks in the Cambodian public sector. The education of the authorities was seen as one of the most effective ways to start the progress. Some presentations and learning material was given to the staff of the GDCG. The feedback from the participants showed that in the beginning the lectures should be as simple as possible, even if the questions and problems may be complicated. Especially the valuation methods should be introduced carefully. Spontaneous practicing such as collecting and analysing market value data for "price maps" was seen as one effective way to motivate students also in the future.

The author hopes that the experiences together with the learning material from Cambodia will help other advisers in their development work.

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