

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

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Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

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We, Investigators of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia,
with Pak Chanlino ប៉ាក់ ចន្ទលីណូ as clerk, have taken and recorded an interview with
Chhang Yuk ឆាង យុក, a witness.

Question-Answer: I, Chhang Youk ឆាង យុក, age 46, male, Cambodian national, was born
in Sangkat Number 1 សង្កាត់លេខ ១, Khan Tuol Kok ខណ្ឌ ទួលគោក, Phnom Penh ភ្នំពេញ.

Present residence: Documentation Center of Cambodia.

Religion: Buddhist Occupation: Director, Documentation Center of Cambodia.

Question-Answer:

Q/A: The Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam), located on Preah Sihanouk
Boulevard, Phnom Penh, began operating in 1995 as a depository for documents relating
to the Khmer Rouge regime, including its predecessor and successor governments. I have
been the Center's director since 1997.

Q/A: DC-Cam is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit, non-governmental
organization. We are authorized by the Royal Government of Cambodia to search out all
types of documents related to genocide in Cambodia, whether those documents are inside
or outside the country. DC-Cam receives financial support from many international and
national sources both governmental and private, including King Norodom Sihanouk.
DC-Cam also receives various services (e.g. security and various permits) from the
Cambodian government. We do not accept direction from any of these supporters or any
other groups as to the management or maintenance of these archives.

Q/A: Currently DC-Cam has over 700,000 documents. The documents range from one
to over 5,000 pages in length. Original documents from the DK era are held in a secure
depository. In order to preserve the original documents, many of which are in a fragile
state, DC-Cam does not make the originals available to the public. Instead, we hold true

copies of these documents for research purposes; they are made available to national and international scholars, research organizations, and other interested parties.

Q/A: I have seen and handled all of the documents in the DC-Cam archives and have an intimate knowledge of them. I believe that all of the documents in the DC-Cam archives are either from the Democratic Kampuchea (DK) period or relate to the events of that period.

Q/A: I have worked to the best of my ability to ascertain that the documents held at DC-Cam are authentic. To that end, I have taken steps to clarify the chain of custody of the documents that did not originate within DC-Cam. In a few cases, DC-Cam holds copies of documents for which the location of the originals is not known. Those copies have been provided by academics and other people, and to the best of my knowledge, they appear to be consistent with contemporaneous documents of the DK era.

Q/A: As part of our document management system, we created a number of databases to enable users to search our holdings via a public website. Each document is given a unique code. First, we assign prefix letters to various parts of the collection. Then, each document receives a series of numbers; together with the letter prefixes, these form the document's code.

Q/A: Duplicate documents obtained from different sources appear in the collection. Duplicates are also numbered and added to the collection because they may not be identical; for example, they may contain handwritten notes or other markings that are not on all versions.

Q/A: Specifically, each document in the "D", "I", "K", and "L" collections contains a unique 5-digit code.

Q/A: The "D" prefix refers to assorted documents received from a variety of governmental and private sources.

Q/A: "I" documents are largely biographies of Khmer Rouge cadres detained at S-21 prison (Tuol Sleng) and other places. This collection also includes confessions made at S-21 and other places. "I" documents were received from governmental and private sources.

Q/A: "J" documents refer to confessions and official communiqués received from governmental and private sources.

Q/A: "K" documents refer to biographies of Khmer Rouge cadres and members of the general population who were detained at S-21 and other places. This collection was received from governmental and other private sources.

Q/A: "L" documents refer to the Lon Nol dossiers dated 1970-1975, and also include Khmer Rouge telegrams dated 1975-1979. Many of the "L" series are documents received from governmental and private sources.

Q/A: Confessions from the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum archives were allocated a single letter, which generally refers to the first letter of the person's family name, and a number. The Tuol Sleng archive number had been adopted for many of these documents for ease of handling.

Q/A: The unique codes for the Promoting Accountability Project, comprising interviews that DC-Cam staff conducts in the field with survivors and former Khmer Rouge cadres, contain 3 letters denoting the location of the interview, followed by 4 digits. Such designations as BAC, KCI, KDI, KHI, PVI, and TKI refer to the area where the interview was conducted.

Q/A: An extensive archive of photographs from the Tuol Sleng genocide Museum and private sources was scanned by DC-Cam and is available electronically.

Q/A: DC-Cam has copied a collection of films from the Khmer Rouge period onto DVDs and has made these DVDs available for viewing. The original films are of two types: films made during 1975-1979 and documentary films produced after the Khmer Rouge period.

Q/A: On 8 September 2006 I received a letter from the Office of the Co-Prosecutor of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. It contained a formal request that DC-Cam provide that Office with copies of documents relating to the Democratic Kampuchea era.

Q/A: To facilitate the Office of the Co-Prosecutor's ability to confidentially research and view documents, we set aside a private area of DC-Cam's offices for its personnel to use. All requested documents were provided to the Co-Prosecutors' office in accordance with DC-Cam's public access procedures. Additionally, a number of protocols were put in place governing the request and receipt of documents.

Q/A: Mr. William Smith *វីល័យ ស្ទីវ*, Deputy Co-Prosecutor, also e-mailed me on a number of occasions to request documents on behalf of his Office. He has consistently copies Co-Prosecutors Chea Leang *ជា លាង* and Robert Petit *រ៉ូប៊ែត ប៊ែត*, and Deputy Co-Prosecutor Yet Chakriya *យ៉ែត ចក្រិយា* on his communications to me. I have received e-mails from Mr. Smith at regular intervals containing lists of requested documents.

Q/A: I have confirmed the receipt of each list and then assigned my Deputy Director, Dara P. Vanthan *ដារ៉ា វ៉ាន់ថង*, and his Response Team to draw the requested documents from the files. Some of these documents were provided to the Co-Prosecutors as photocopies or on microfilm.

Q/A: Additionally, with the assistance of members of the ECCC's Court Management Unit, DC-Cam has scanned over 138,000 pages of documents and provided them to the Office of the Co-Prosecutors with an electronic index of the document titles corresponding to the request. The index enables us to confirm that all of the documents made in the request had been scanned and provided.

Q/A: As part of the request for the production of these scanned documents. Mr. Smith has asked me to certify the current location of the documents requested. The documents fall into three broad location categories: those inside Cambodia, those outside Cambodia, and those where the location of the original documents is not known.

Q/A: The original documents inside Cambodia are currently stored in a number of locations. All of these documents should be available should the ECCC require the originals.

Q/A: The original documents outside of Cambodia are largely held in a number of universities abroad. These are likely available should the originals be required.

Q/A: Signed copies of the certificates are attached.

Interview record completed on this same day at 12.00 hours.

The interview was finished and read to the person who agreed that it is true and correct and agreed to sign or append fingerprint before us.

Interviewee [Signature]	Clerk [Signature]	[Signature]	Investigators [Signature]
Chhang Youk ឆាង យុក	Pak Chanlino ប៉ាក់ ចន្ទលីណូ	Tan Senarong តាន់ សេនណារ៉ុង	Steve Spargo ស្ទីវ ស្ទ័រហ្គោ