



Dear Colleagues, Members of the Board, and Partners,

It is with great pride that we can announce the esteemed Professor David Chandler as Future Forum's Chairman of the Academic Board of Advisors.

Dr. Chandler is viewed as one of the foremost western scholars of Cambodia's modern history having published five books on the Kingdom. His seminal 1983 work, "A History of Cambodia", is perhaps the best known and is regarded as a superior and insightful contribution to the works of Cambodian history.

In April David was given the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Asian Studies for his extensive contributions of scholarly work on Cambodia's history, politics and culture. Awarded by the Association for Asian Studies, the distinction recognises his revered standing in the region.

Having graduated from Harvard University, David began his formal working relationship with the Kingdom as a US Foreign Service officer at the US Embassy in Phnom Penh from 1960 to 1962. Subsequent roles garnered across his diplomatic and academic careers have included consulting for USAID and the Asia Foundation, working with the Center for Khmer Studies as a senior advisor, and accompanied organisations such as Amnesty International on Cambodian research and fact-finding missions. These sit alongside his professorial roles at Monash University, Cornell University, Georgetown University and the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin.

Future Forum views David's aforementioned experience, alongside his passion and belief in Cambodian development, as immeasurably valuable assets for our program and mission driving forward.

Best Wishes,

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Founder and president

More about his biography: <https://www.futureforum.asia/our-team/>
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