

## HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS IN 2014

### Professor David Cohen

**Professor David Cohen** received his BA from Occidental College in 1969. He then went on to attend law school at the University of California, Los Angeles and received his JD in Law in 1972. In 1981, he received his PhD in Classics and Ancient History from Cambridge University.

He became involved in war crime tribunal research in the mid 1990's with a project to collect the records of the national war crimes programs in Europe and Asia after WWII. This project led to the creation of the Documentation Center for War Crimes Trials at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt. In 2000, he began his collaboration with human rights projects in Asia, as the Director of the Asian International Justice Initiative and as Senior Fellow in International Law of the East-West Center in Honolulu.

In the same year, he was appointed director of the War Crimes Studies Center, which was stationed at UC Berkley from 2000-2014, where he was also the Sidney and Margaret Ancker Distinguished Professor of the Humanities. In 2012, the center expanded to hold an office at the University of Hawaii, where he also joined the faculty for the Law School and History Department. Subsequently, in 2014, the center relocated its west coast office from Berkeley to Stanford University, being re-named the WSD Handa Center.

In 2001, he began traveling regularly to East Timor to monitor and report on the UN Special Panels for Serious Crimes, which ultimately led to the publication of a special report in 2006 entitled, *Indifference and Accountability: the United Nations and the Politics of International Justice in East Timor*. While the East Timor trials were underway, Indonesia created a new court, the Jakarta Ad Hoc Human Rights Court, to try individuals for crimes against humanity committed in East Timor in 1999. Cohen monitored these trials as well, and published the monograph *Intended to Fail: Trials before the Jakarta Ad Hoc Human Rights Court* (2004). Cohen's efforts surrounding these tribunals led to his appointment as Expert Advisor to the Commission on Truth and Friendship, established by the Presidents of Timor Leste and Indonesia.

Over the past 3 years, he has concentrated his work at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). His projects include ongoing trial monitoring; training for the international and Cambodian judges, investigating judges, defense counsel, and prosecutors; a weekly television program in a talk-show format with trial highlights and commentary; and the Virtual Tribunal, an interactive multimedia educational software platform allowing the trial archives to be accessible both to the Cambodian public and to the world at large. The Virtual Tribunal Project has also been extended to the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

He has also worked with the ASEAN Secretariat and the USAID Technical Facility to the ASEAN Secretariat, in the formation of an expert group to create a Human Rights Resource Centre for ASEAN, a university network based at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta. In addition, Cohen serves as the Advisor to the Executive Director and the Governing Board of the Resource Centre and leads the Centre's research projects. He also directs the Summer Institute in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, a regionally focused summer course held in Southeast Asia every year. He is also currently working to create an ASEAN Digital Library, which will link university libraries from across SE Asia and the United States.

In 2007, he was conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Law from the University of Zurich.

Professor David Cohen is being honored here for his commitment to promoting justice, development and human rights not only in SE Asia, but in the world at large. Thus, the citation for an **Honorary Doctorate in Humanitarian Law** from the University of Cambodia reads:

- He has sought to bring justice to post-conflict regions through promoting fair and just war crime tribunals.
- His has helped to bring understanding and healing in communities affected by grievous war crimes by producing a television program for trial highlights and discussion, and creating the Virtual Tribunal Project.
- He has helped to promote the importance of human rights within the ASEAN structure and ASEAN nations.
- He has consistently supported the development of quality educational institutions in the region.

## Mr. Wang Jiemin

Mr. WANG Jiemin was born in Mainland China in the 1960s. He graduated from Dalian Marine University in the People's Republic of China with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1985. He then continued his studies at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, focusing on International Trading, for one year. He then relocated to Hong Kong, and joined the China Resources Group where he worked until 1999. During that time, he worked as the Director of FARENCO (Group) and was the Managing Director of YUEN FAT Company and Mantong Company, under the Hong Kong China Resources (Holding) Company Limited.

During the Asian Financial Crisis, which impacted a majority of businesses and national economies in the region, Mr. Wang and his team managed to achieve a 50% increase in profit. Amidst the aftermath of the crisis, and with the support of other companies in the industry, he founded the Hong Kong Mid-Stream Operators Association Limited, and became the Founding President in 1999. The objective of the association was to protect, promote, and develop the mid-stream container operations business in Hong Kong.

In 2000, Mr. Wang set up Hong Kong Fairwind Holding Company Limited and became the Managing Director. His business focused mainly on logistics in sea shipment. Due to his hard work and longtime service in this field, he was appointed as the Honorary President of Hong Kong Cargo Vessel Traders' Association Limited from 2004 to 2006. He served as Non-Executive Director of Mirach Energy Limited from 2011 until 2013; and has been the Managing Director of China Fairwind (Cambodia) Investment Company Limited and Director of Fairwind (Holdings) Limited since 2010. And in 2013, he became the Honorary President of Lok Ma Chau China-Hong Kong Freight Association. At present, he is studying a DBA program at the University of Management and Technology in cooperation with Peking University in Beijing, China.

In 2011, he began to travel to Cambodia in order to study various investment opportunities, including mining, tourism, and crude oil, among others. In 2014, he initiated and set up three companies in Cambodia; the China Fairwind (Cambodia) Investment Company Limited, the Cambodian Zhonghao Properties Company Limited, and the Cambodian Allgrand Properties Company Limited.

In addition, he has been a generous supporter of the University of Cambodia and has provided 300 Samdech Techo Hun Sen Vision-100 Scholarships since 2012. 100 of these scholarships will be offered in March, 2015 to students who score highest on the competitive scholarship exam.

Mr. Wang Jiemin is being honored here for his contributions to the strengthening of the Asian economy, as well as his support in the development of Cambodian business and education. Thus, the citation for an **Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration** from the University of Cambodia reads:

- He has dedicated his life's work to the field of international trading, and has thus contributed to the strengthening of the region's ability to compete in a globalized world.
- He has contributed to the economic development of the region by continuing to expand and open new businesses within mainland China, Hong Kong and Cambodia.
- He has contributed to the promotion of higher education in Cambodia by providing needy and deserving students with scholarships.

## **Oknha Dr. Chear Ratana**

**Oknha Dr. Chear Ratana** graduated from high school in Kandal province, Cambodia in 1987. He then began working as a cashier at Tonic Restaurant, and an interpreter and tour guide for Peace Tours and Travel Co. Ltd., from 1991-1992. He then joined the Asia Tour Company and Guesthouse as a bookkeeper and Assistant to the Director, where he worked until 1993.

In 1994, he began his career at Union Commercial Bank Plc. as an Operation Officer. His dedication to excellence in the work place and his natural leadership skills contributed to his rapid advancement within the company. In 2002, he was promoted to Assistant Manager and held this post for 4 years. During that time, he became involved in the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, he was appointed as an Advisory Member, and in 2005 he became an Elected Member of the Phnom Penh Chamber of Commerce.

By 2008, he had climbed high the in the ranks of Union Commercial Bank and held the position of Senior Manager, and in 2009, he was appointed as Director. In the same year, he was also appointed as an Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia. In 2013, he became the Vice-President of Union Commercial Bank. As a vital part of the Union Commercial Bank management, he has promoted lending in the agricultural sector of Cambodia's economy. UCB has lent over 25 million dollars to the agriculture sector in an effort to support the strategies of the Royal Government of Cambodia to improve the economy, and to reduce poverty, particularly in the provinces.

He has received numerous awards and honors over the years including the Royal Title as Oknha, the Royal Order of Bronze and Gold Medal for National Construction Labor, the Royal Order of Sowhatthara Plaques at Mohasereywhat Level for National Construction Labor, and the Royal Order of Chetobaka for National Construction Labor, to name just a few. He has also received an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration from Chamroeun University of Poly-Technology in Cambodia.

Oknha Dr. Chear Ratana is being honored here for his commitment to Cambodian business development, and his contributions to the development of the Cambodian economy and agricultural sector. Thus, the citation for an **Honorary Doctorate in Business Development** from the University of Cambodia reads:

- He is a leading Cambodian entrepreneur and businessman.
- His efforts in the Cambodian business, agriculture, and banking sectors have contributed to the development of the nation.
- His entrepreneurial spirit and proven leadership qualities have helped to promote quality and effective leadership within the Cambodian business community.

