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### Background of Education

- 2006 – 2009 : Doctor of Laws (Comparative Law), Nagoya University Graduate School of Law, Japan.
- 2004 – 2006 : Master of Laws (Comparative Law), Nagoya University Graduate School of Law, Japan.
- 2003 – 2004 : Research Student, Nagoya University Graduate School of Law, Japan.
- 1996 – 2000 : Bachelor of Business Administration in Management, National University of Management (Former National Institute of Management), Cambodia.

### Professional Membership and Qualification

- 2012 – Present : Member, National Commercial Arbitration Centre.
- 2013 – Present : Member, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb).
- 2009 – Present : Member, Cambodian Society of Comparative Law.
- 2013 – Present : Trademark Agent, Qualified and Registered with Ministry of Commerce.

### Current Position

- 2011 – Present : Senior Manager, Bun & Associates.
- 2009 – Present : Adjunct Law Professor, Paññasatra University of Cambodia (PUC).

### Professional Experience

As a Senior Manager at Bun & Associates, Sovath's practice focuses on intellectual property, corporate and dispute resolution. He recently advised a Malaysia-based financial group to sell its 100% shares in a commercial bank in Cambodia and was involved with an entire share capital acquisition project in which a France-based company acquired the 100% controlling shares of a parent company which has its subsidiaries in Cambodia and Thailand. He also assisted a Hong Kong based client in securing a multi-million dollar asset purchase of a garment factory, and advised on Cambodia's first company acquisition in the securities sector. In his previous employment, he was involved in a number of major projects, including the largest financing project for the purchase of a majority share of Cambodia's largest telecommunications operator.

Sovath assisted numerous clients in organizing their dispute resolution strategies and recently provided advice to an international construction company to enforce a foreign arbitral award in Cambodia under the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 1958) (the "New York Convention"). He has particular expertise and extensive experience practicing in intellectual property and provides advice and support for the protection, commercialization, and enforcement of

intellectual property rights to a wide range of right holders in various sectors. He has also taught various corporate and business law related subjects, including intellectual property law in and outside Cambodia, and has researched and published articles on Cambodian intellectual property law.

Sovath served as a National Legal Adviser for the Asian Development Bank's projects assisting the Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia in drafting a competition law and the Ministry of Health of Cambodia in drafting food safety regulations. He has also recently served as a National Legal Consultant for international organizations in assisting the Ministry of Health of Cambodia in drafting a law concerning public health and intellectual property.

Sovath is one of the first selected commercial arbitrators in Cambodia and has recently become a member of the National Commercial Arbitration Centre (NCAC) and of the Singapore Institute of Arbitration (SIArb). Recently, he served on the working group that drafted the Internal Rules and Arbitration Rules of the NCAC. He is also a qualified Trademark Agent in Cambodia, registered with the Ministry of Commerce. He has recently been listed as an Intellectual Property Expert for ASEAN IPR SME Helpdesk, a project co-funded by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry under the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP). Sovath is fluent in Khmer and English.