



INSIGHT

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ABOUT UTE INSIGHT

UTE Insight is our official newsletter that brings the UTE community together—students, faculty, partners, and friends. It's where we share stories, celebrate achievements, and reflect on the exciting things happening across our university. From academic highlights and student voices to new partnerships and innovative ideas, each issue offers a snapshot of life at UTE. It's more than just

updates — it's a way for us to stay connected, inspired and proud of how far we've come together.



CELEBRATING PROGRESS, COMMUNITY, AND PURPOSE

Dear UTE Family,

Every moment brings new stories, new milestones, and new reasons to feel proud of what we're building together. UTE Insight is our way of pausing to reflect, to celebrate, and to share those moments with you.

As Chairwoman and Board Director, we've had the joy of watching UTE grow, not just in numbers, but in heart and impact. From the energy of Khmer New Year celebrations to the launch of our first student Senate, from academic breakthroughs to new partnerships and technologies like the Learning Management System and Safe Exam Browser, we are witnessing UTE come alive in ways that truly reflect who we are and what we stand for.

This newsletter is more than just an update. It's a collection of our shared efforts, values, and dreams. It shows how we're weaving

together education, innovation, culture, and community into something truly meaningful, not only for today's students but for the future of Cambodia and beyond.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Whether you're a student, faculty member, partner, or supporter, know that your role in this story matters—and that we are better, stronger, and more hopeful because of you.



With gratitude and optimism,
Meurn Sreynet and Pou Sophanith
Chairwoman & Board Director



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

As we wrap up another enriching month, I'd like to extend my warmest wishes to our entire UTE community. This period has been filled with academic progress, cultural celebration, and exciting partnerships. I'm proud of the hard work of our students, faculty members, and staff. I believe we will continue to invest in making UTE a vibrant and forward-looking university. Prof. Chum Chandarin, Ph.D.

INTRODUCING THE UTE SENATE

We're proud to announce the creation of the first-ever UTE Senate—a student-centered body that will play a key role in shaping campus life, strengthening student voices, and bringing fresh energy to extracurricular activities.

The UTE Senate is made up of passionate, dedicated student leaders who represent the diverse interests of our university community. Together, they will help coordinate and support student-led clubs and initiatives, including sports, arts, academic circles, and community engagement. From managing the soccer club and cultural events to proposing new ideas for student well-being, the Senate will be a dynamic force in building a vibrant UTE experience beyond the classroom.



Meet the founding members of our Senate:



Phat Thidareacheanith

Senate President, passionate about student empowerment and community building



Seng Kolvotey

Vice President, focused on inclusion and academic enrichment



Soeur Mudita & Teng Pichsovannita

Head of Innovation & Events, leading creative campus activities



Mot Rithearong

Sports & Wellness Coordinator managing clubs like soccer and fitness initiatives



Lim Sereyratanak

Communications & Outreach Lead, strengthening student voice and visibility

These student leaders are already meeting with faculty and staff to plan the upcoming activities, and they're eager to hear from YOU—our students. If you have an idea, a concern, or simply want to join a club or start your own, the Senate is here.

At UTE, we believe that leadership is best learned through practice. With the launch of our Senate, we're creating space for students to not only participate but also to lead, create, and thrive.



UTE SANGRAN TO CELEBRATE KHMER NEW YEAR

This month, our campus came alive with color, laughter, and tradition as we gathered to celebrate Khmer New Year. Students, faculty, and staff joined hands in a joyful blend of old and new—playing traditional games, sharing delicious food, and enjoying vibrant cultural



performances. Beyond the fun, it was a meaningful pause to reflect, give thanks, and honor the rich heritage that grounds us. In a university that embraces innovation and entrepreneurship, moments like these remind us that our culture is not something we leave behind—it's something we carry forward. The celebration brought our diverse community even closer, strengthening not just friendships, but our shared identity as learners, leaders, and proud members of the Cambodian history.

ACADEMIC MILESTONES



*This month marked also an important checkpoint in our academic journey, as students across all programs completed their **midterm exams**. We know these moments aren't easy as they require discipline, late nights, and a deep commitment to growth. To all our*

students, we see your efforts, and we celebrate your perseverance. Each test completed is a step closer to your goals and a testament to the vibrant learning.

*Against this backdrop, we also conducted our **teaching evaluation survey**, a vital opportunity for students to share their voices and help shape the learning experience. We were delighted to receive an impressive **85% response rate**. Since each student rated **five instructors**, we analyzed a total of **375 responses** across **16 key questions**, ranging from course clarity to student engagement and teaching style.*



To ensure our findings are meaningful, we ran a reliability test, and the results were encouraging. The Cronbach's Alpha score was 0.94, indicating excellent internal consistency across all survey items. Interestingly, while all questions contributed meaningfully to the overall

reliability, one item—on lecture speed—showed a slightly lower correlation, suggesting it may reflect a distinct teaching dynamic.

SAFE EXAM BROWSER (SEB) FOR SECURE AND FAIR ASSESSMENTS

By Asst. Prof. Sann Vannthoeun

Academic integrity is at the heart of great education and technology should help, not hinder, our commitment to fairness, responsibility, and student success. As a result, we're proud to introduce the Safe Exam Browser (SEB) into our UTE Learning Management System (LMS). This powerful tool helps create a secure, distraction-free environment for centralized exams by blocking access to external websites, apps, and other resources. This will ensure that assessments truly reflect our student's knowledge, not their tech-savviness or access to outside help.



WHY SEB MATTERS

For students, SEB means confidence and peace of mind. You know your performance is being measured fairly—based on what you know, not what someone else can Google or use ChatGPT. For instructors and the Academic & Student Affairs team, SEB means fewer distractions, smoother exam delivery, and stronger safeguards against cheating.

This tool isn't just about security; it's about trust. It supports UTE's mission to teach real-world values like honesty, responsibility, and ethical leadership, while also helping us deliver assessments that are reliable and professional.

MEET THE WINNERS OF UTE'S FIRST "RISE TO CREATIVITY" CHALLENGE!

Creativity is more than just a talent, but mindset. UTE proudly saw that mindset shines through in the incredible entries submitted for our very first Rise to Creativity competition.

Students were invited to share their "Learning Journey with UTE" through posters or short videos, and the results were nothing short of inspiring. From heartfelt reflections to beautifully produced content, each submission showed how UTE has become more than just a university. UTE is a place to dream, grow, and rise.

Through bold visuals, clever storytelling, and authentic voices, these students captured the essence of what learning at UTE truly means. Their work not only stood out for its engagement and originality but also for the way it connected with the heart of our community.



First Prize Winner Mr. Lim Sereyranak
BSc in Computer Science



Second Prize Winner Ms. Teng Pichsovannita
BSc in Computer Science



Third Prize Winner Ms. Pang Sopheanut
BSc in Digital Marketing



Certificate of Participation awarded to Mr. Pheng Mengvisal
BSc in Computer Science



Certificate of Participation awarded to Mr. Thy Lyyong
BSc in Computer Science



Certificate of Participation awarded to Ms. Leng Roza
BSc in Digital Marketing

We thank all participants for their creativity, effort, and spirit and we can't wait to see what you'll create next! At UTE, the stage is always open for those who dare to think differently.

LESSONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We were honored to welcome three remarkable guest speakers who brought wisdom, courage, and entrepreneurial spirit to our campus. Their stories reminded us that education is a lifelong journey fueled by bold decisions, resilience, and passion.

Okhna Khorn Chhundara, CEO of KOI Thé Cambodia, captivated students with his thought-provoking session, "Open or Not, Close or Continue". Drawing from his own experiences navigating the unpredictable F&B industry, he shared powerful lessons on risk-taking, timing, and the strength it takes to persevere through challenges. His reflections resonated deeply with our aspiring entrepreneurs.



*Mr. Keo Lundi, Co-founder and Chief Business Development Officer of **Baby Outlet**, shared his inspiring life journey—from humble beginnings to building one of Cambodia's leading retail brands. His talk was a powerful reminder that perseverance, vision, and grit are often the most valuable tools for success.*

*Mr. Muth Pagna, Chief Commercial Officer of **Watch Empire** and Chairman of **Camillennial Corporation**, delivered a heartfelt talk about his entrepreneurial journey. Through honesty and humility, he encouraged students to embrace uncertainty, take ownership of their dreams, and move forward with courage, even when the road ahead is unclear.*



We are deeply grateful to our guest speakers for sharing their time, insights, and experiences so generously with the UTE community. Their presence reminded us of a simple but powerful truth: education is not just about preparing for the future—it's about being inspired by those who have already dared to shape it.

UTE has established meaningful collaborations with leading national and international institutions. These partnerships are paving the way for joint research, student exchange opportunities, and enhanced academic programs, ensuring that our students remain competitive and globally connected. Our partners include Cambridge, Academic of Entrepreneurs(Australia), Phillip Bank, Bright Education Consultant and Travel Company, Neak Poan Home Center, La Palm Residences, UrHobby House, Global EV, Ashley Furniture, SIMPLEX, Staron Solid Surface, and Vong Residence.

We prepare for



UTE SNAPSHOT

- 92% of students found instructors effective in communicating course content (Midterm Survey)
- 150+ participants in Khmer New Year events



- 2 new institutional partners on boarded this trimester
- 1 new student-led activity



LOOKING AHEAD

- Open House in May
- Launch of UTE Journal of Education, Technology, and Entrepreneurship
- Open Call: Submit your article or photo for the next issue of UTE Insights!
- Partner spotlight and student exchange info session next month



THANK FOR BEING PART OF UTE'S JOURNEY!

As we continue to rise and innovate, we are grateful for every member of our community students, faculty, staff, and partners who shape UTE into a hub of excellence and entrepreneurship. Let's keep building the future together!

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YOUR VOICE MATTERS AT UTE!

*Have a story, an idea, or an opinion you're
passionate about?*

*We're looking for students, faculty, and staff
who want to share their experiences, reflections,
creative projects, or commentary on any topic
that inspires them.*

*Send your contributions to insight@ute.ac for
the next issue of UTE Insight!*