

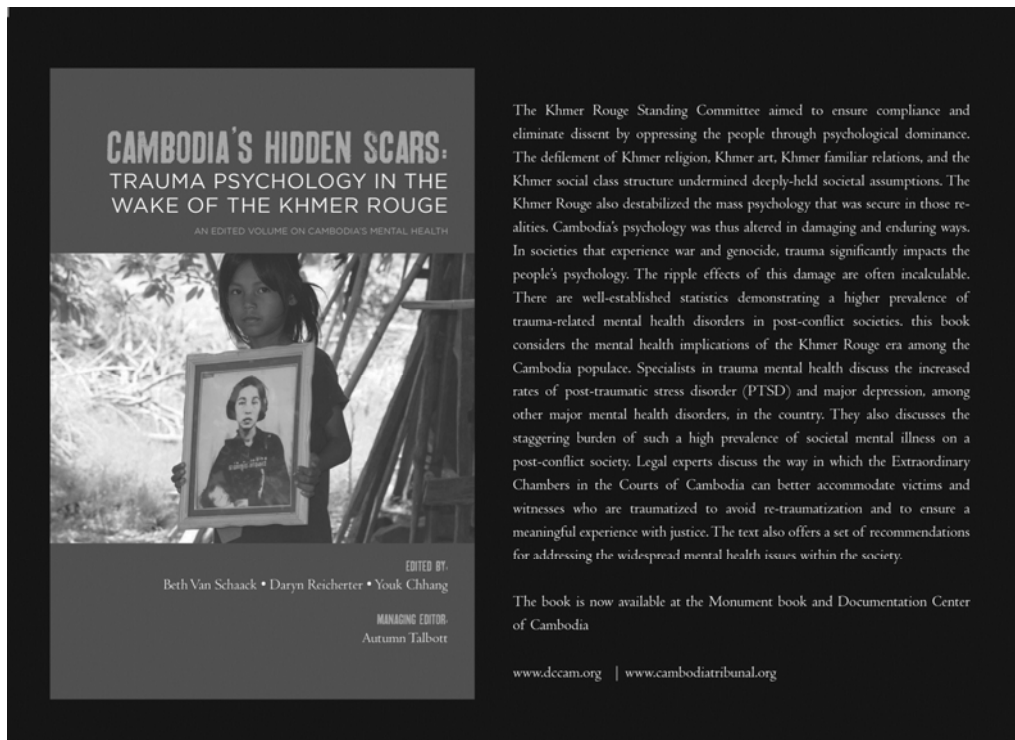
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Genocide Education in Cambodia

# The Teaching of "A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)"

Seventh Commune History Teacher Training  
Kampong Speu Province, September 1-7, 2011

Featuring special guest speaker Dr. Ka Sabunnath, Khmer Rouge survivor and psychiatrist, who will discuss **"The Impact: How History Teacher Who Were Victim of the Khmer Rouge Teaching the Khmer Rouge History to the Students Who Are the Children of the Khmer Rouge Perpetrators."** Dr. Ka has recently contributed in a study: CAMBODIA'S HIDDEN SCARS: TRAUMA MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WAKE OF THE KHMER ROUGE (2011).



A first textbook on Khmer Rouge history, *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*, written by Khamboly Dy was published for the first time in 2007. This textbook was reviewed by the Government Reviewing Committee and finally approved to be the supplementary material for the teaching of DK history in secondary schools throughout Cambodia. By now, DK history textbook was distributed freely to students at Lower and Upper Secondary Schools across the country.

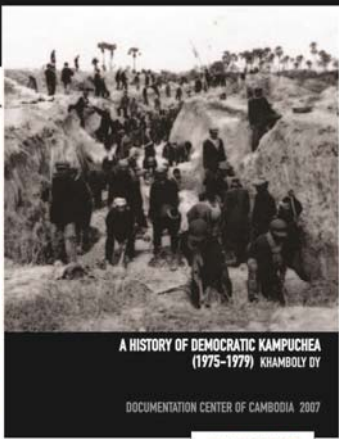
In 2009, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, DC-Cam produced a Teacher's Guidebook for teachers to teach the DK history textbook. The guidebook is

designed especially for history teachers and on the purpose that teachers are able to deliver DK history textbook objectively and pedagogically. In addition, the student workbook is being finalized before going to the printing shop.

From June 29 to August 7, 2009, DC-Cam held a workshop to train 24 national teachers from the Ministry of Education and 15 DC-Cam staff members on the methodology to teach the DK history and other related topics such as genocides and mass atrocities in other countries and international law. International and national scholars were invited to participate and assist this workshop. In late 2009, DC-Cam in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, conducted the second national training workshop by which 180 provincial teachers received this training successfully. In 2010, commune level training workshops were conducted with participation of 834 history teachers from 18 provinces.

In 2011, DC-Cam and the Ministry of Education have conducted fourth, fifth and sixth commune teacher trainings in Kandal, Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham and Kampong Speu with 288 participants. The **seventh commune history teacher training** will be conducted on **September 1-7, 2011** in the Kampong Speu Teacher Training School with 72 commune history teachers.

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*Chinese diplomat Chou Ta-kuan gave the world his account of life at Angkor Wat eight hundred years ago. Since that time, others have been writing our history for us. Countless scholars have examined our most prized cultural treasure and more recently, the Cambodian genocide of 1975-1979. But with Khamboly Dy's A HISTORY OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, Cambodians are at last beginning to investigate and record their country's past. This new volume represents two years of research and marks the first such text written by a Cambodian.*

Writing about this bleak period of history for a new generation may run the risk of re-opening old wounds for the survivors of Democratic Kampuchea. Many Cambodians have tried to put their memories of the regime behind them and move on. But we cannot progress—much less reconcile with ourselves and others—until we have confronted the past and understand both what happened and why it happened. Only with this understanding can we truly begin to heal.

Intended for high school students, this book is equally relevant for adults. All of us can draw lessons from our history. By facing this dark period of our past, we can learn from it and move toward becoming a nation of people who are invested in preventing future occurrences of genocide, both at home and in the myriad countries that are today facing massive human rights abuses. And by taking responsibility for teaching our children through texts such as this one, Cambodia can go forward and mold future generations who work to ensure that the seeds of genocide never again take root in our country.

**A HISTORY OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (1975-1979) KHAMBOLY DY**  
2007  
80 pages in English, 125 pages in Khmer PDF  
DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF CAMBODIA  
Ten Years of Independently Searching for the Truth: 1997-2007

The text was submitted to the Government Working Commission to Review the Draft of the History of Democratic Kampuchea. On January 3, 2007, the Commission decided that, "the text can be used as a supplementary discussion material (for teachers) and as a base to write a history lesson for (high school) students.

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