



Inaugural Conference
of the
Economic Institute of Cambodia

Conceptualisation of the EIC

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About the Economic Institute of Cambodia - EIC -

- Status:
 - Registered as a Local NGO in February 2003
 - Acts as a Think Tank Institute
- Mission/Objective:
 - Enhancing the Awareness of Cambodian Economic Stakeholders on Economic Development Issues
 - Participating in the Formulation of Sustainable Economic Development Policies and Strategies

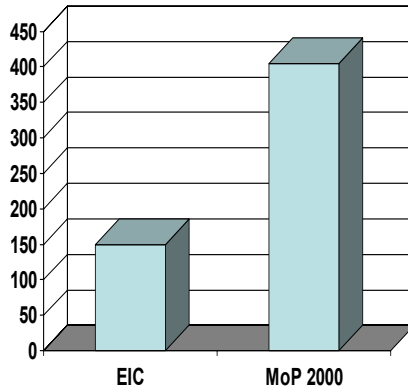
About the Economic Institute of Cambodia – EIC –

- **Activity/Programme**
 - Developing Socio-economic Database and Modelling
 - Conducting Policy-oriented Research
 - Disseminating & Developing Capacity Building
- **Constituency**
 - Policy Makers (Govt officials, Lawmakers, Donors, NGOs and Private Sectors)
 - Media

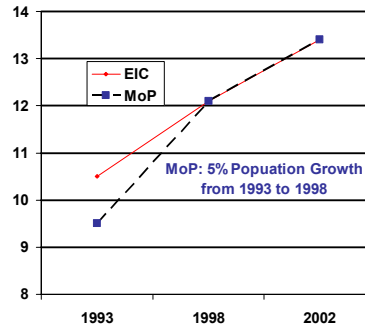
The EIC Socio-economic Database

- **Primary Sources**
 - Government
 - International Organisations
 - Surveys by EIC and other Research Institutions
- **Making some adjustment if necessary**
 - Population
 - Fishery
 - National Accounts
- **Wrong Statistics => Wrong Analysis
=> Wrong Decision**

GDP in Fishery (Mn US\$)



Estimation of Population



Impacts on GDP:

Nominal GDP 2002 (Bn\$)

Real GDP Growth 1993-2002

EIC

3,7

5%

MoP

4,0

6%

The EIC Socio-economic Modelling and Outlook

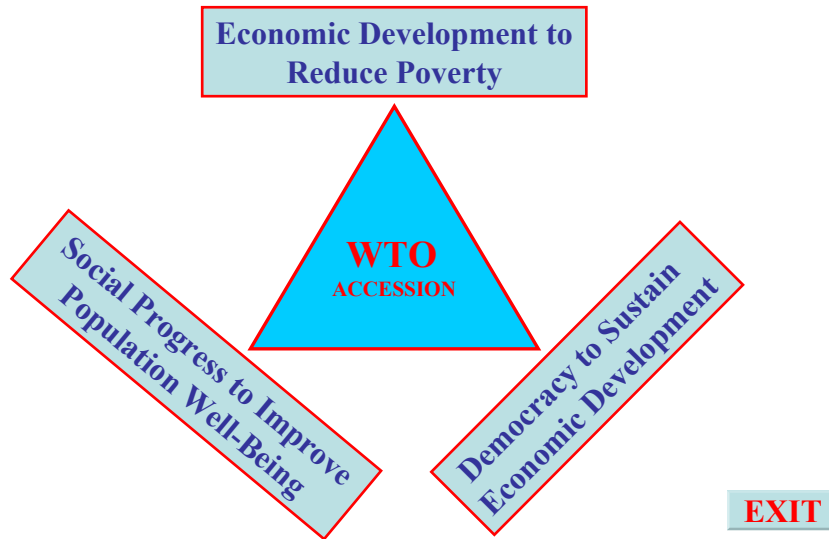
• Modelling

- Macroeconomic and 22 Sub-sector (GEM - General Equilibrium Model)
- Population Projection, including labour force
- Provincial Indicators (GDP and Population)

• Outlook

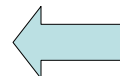
- Baseline Outlook up to 2020
- Alternative Scenarios (Full Reform, Without Reform)

EIC Research Vision

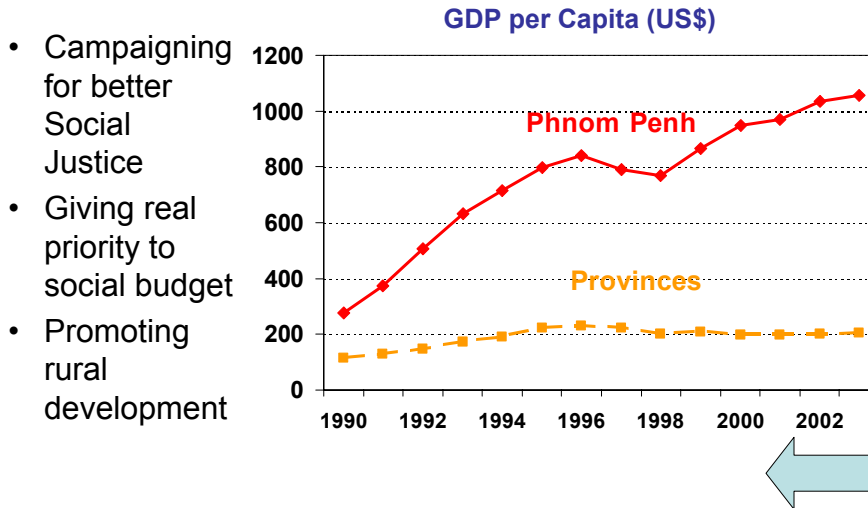


Using WTO Accession to Promote Economic Development

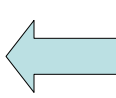
- Reformulating Policy and Strategy to Improve Competitiveness
 - Rethinking Fiscal and Monetary Policies to be more Consistent with the National Priorities
 - Fighting Corruption
 - Improving Civil Services



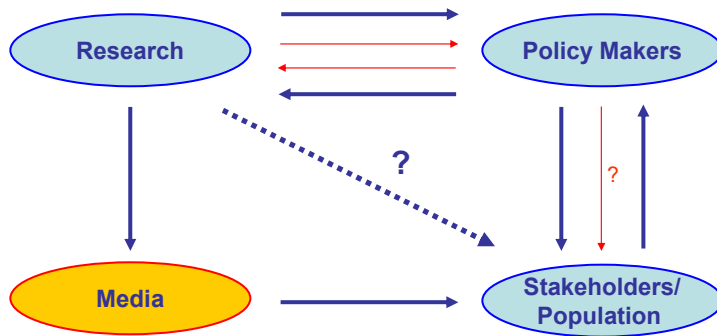
Using WTO Accession to Promote Social Progress



Using WTO Accession to Enhance Democracy

- Debate at the Parliaments on a Number of Laws Required by WTO Agreements
 - Promote Participation of Population Through Public Forum on the Impacts of WTO Accession on their Livelihoods
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EIC Dissemination Approach



***** Note:**

- Traditional Approach 
- EIC Approach 

The EIC Partnership

- Government Officials, Donors
- Private Sector, Professional Associations, Academies
- International and Local NGOs

The EIC Budget for Starting up in 2003

Total: US\$ 200,000

USAID Group	65%
Founders	20%
Others	15%

***Thank you
for your attention***