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20th AUNILO Meeting: “Futureproofing Libraries
Through Digital Innovation and Sustainability”

Cambodia Country Report



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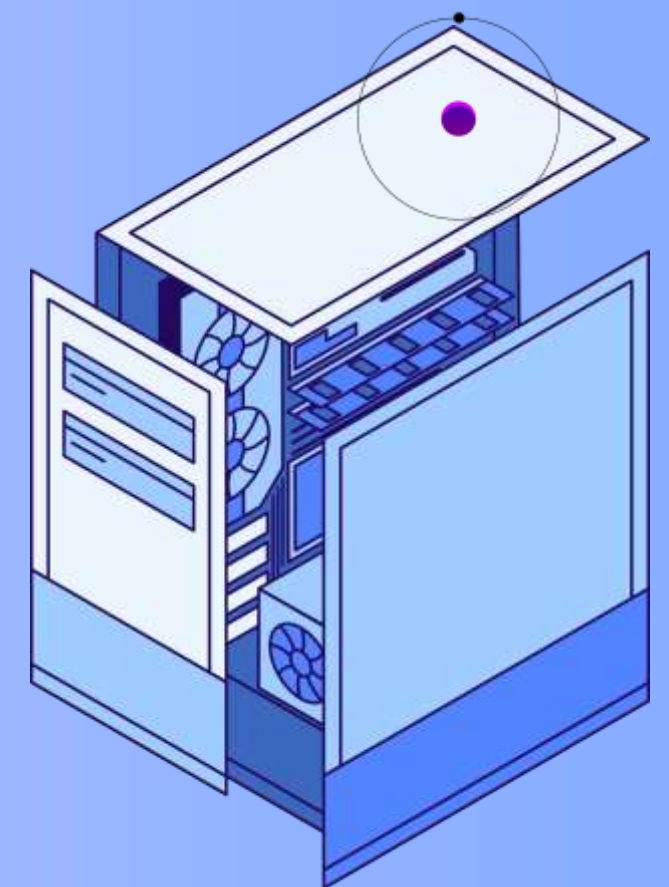


INTRODUCTION

Global Context: Rapid digital transformation and sustainability imperatives reshaping information access.

Purpose: To outline Cambodia's efforts, specifically at Cambodia Library, in "futureproofing" its library.

Focus Areas: Strategic digital innovation and sustainable practices.



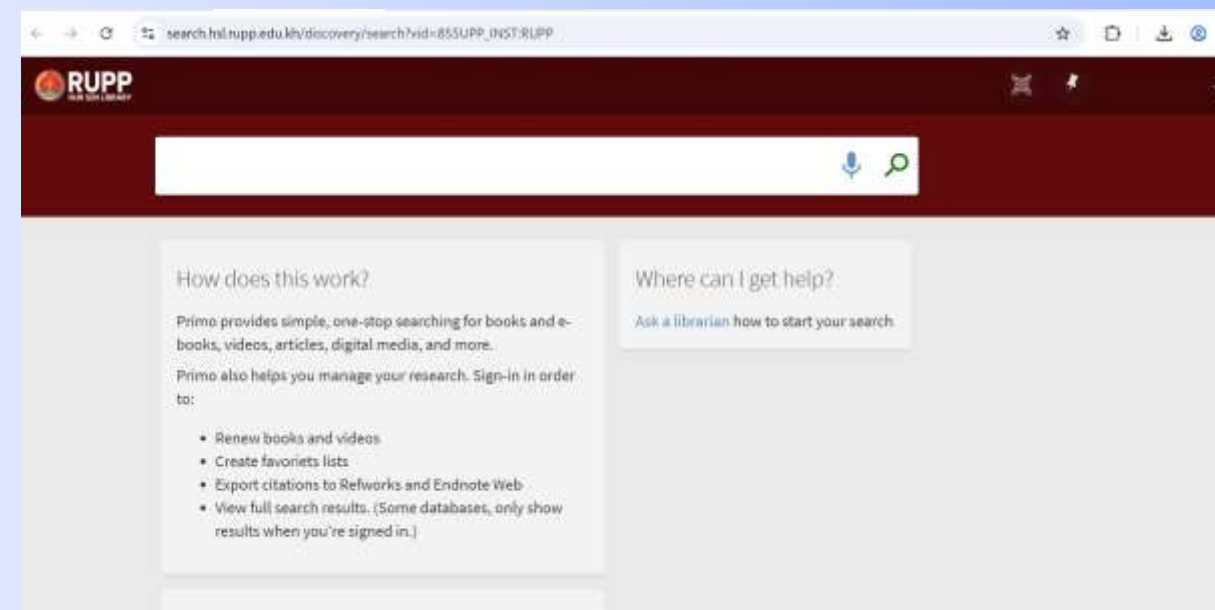
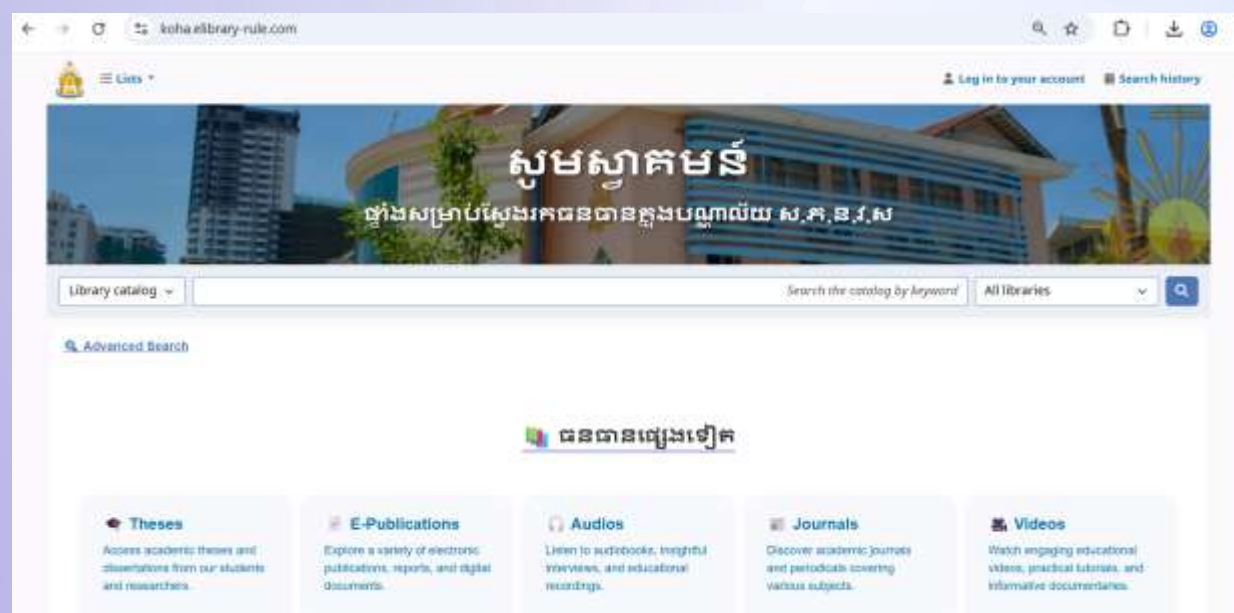
CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF LIBRARY

- **Traditional Role:**

- Historically, a vital repository of legal, economic, and social science knowledge.
- Extensive physical collections supporting law, economics, business, and public administration.
- Core services: circulation, reference, physical study spaces.

- **Current Digital State:**

- **Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs):** Implemented for physical resource discovery.
- **E-resource Subscriptions:** Growing access to online databases, e-journals, and e-books relevant to legal and economic studies.
- **Basic Digital Repositories:** Initial steps for archiving local research, theses, and dissertations.
- **Limited Digitization:** Nascent efforts for unique Cambodian legal/economic documents.



CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF LIBRARY Cont.

- **Key Challenges:**

- **Funding:** Budget constraints limit comprehensive e-resource acquisition and advanced infrastructure.
- **Infrastructure:** Reliable internet and power supply remain hurdles for consistent digital access.
- **Digital Literacy:** Ongoing need for training for both users and staff in digital resource utilization.
- **Policy Gaps:** Lack of national standards for digital preservation and data management.
- **Human Resources:** Shortage of librarians with specialized digital and IT skills



DIGITAL INNOVATION INITIATIVES

E-Resource Expansion & Management:

Continuous efforts to expand subscriptions to legal databases (e.g., LexisNexis, Westlaw where accessible), economic journals, and e-books.

Focus on optimizing access and usage through intuitive discovery systems.

Workshops for students and faculty on effective e-resource navigation.

Development of Digital Repositories:

Strengthening institutional repository for RULE's intellectual output.

Includes academic publications, student theses, research papers in law and economics.

Aim: Enhance visibility of Cambodian scholarship and promote open access.

Digitization Programs:

Prioritizing digitization of unique Cambodian legal documents, historical economic reports, and valuable print materials.

Objective: Preserve fragile heritage and broaden access to specialized content.

Requires careful planning, adherence to international standards, and specialized equipment.

Online Services & User Engagement:

Exploring virtual reference desks, online tutorials for legal research, and remote access to library services.

Utilizing university platforms and social media for user engagement and resource promotion.



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SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS



Long-term Preservation of Digital Content:

- Exploring strategies for digital preservation of legal and economic data.
- Adopting international standards for metadata and file formats.
- Implementing robust backup systems and considering cloud solutions.
- Planning for content migration to prevent obsolescence.

Funding Models & Partnerships:

- Advocating for increased government and institutional budget allocation.
- Seeking grants and collaborations with international organizations, law firms, and economic institutions.
- Engaging donors for specific digital innovation or preservation projects.

Capacity Building & Training:

- Continuous professional development for library staff in digital librarianship, legal information management, and IT skills.
- Regular workshops for students and faculty on digital literacy, legal research databases, and academic integrity.

Environmental Sustainability:

- Promoting energy-efficient practices within the library.
- Encouraging digital resource use to reduce paper consumption.





IMPACT AND FUTURE OUTLOOK



- **Current Impact:**

- **Enhanced Access:** Broader access to specialized legal and economic information.
- **Improved Efficiency:** Streamlined library operations through digital tools.
- **Global Integration:** Connecting Cambodian legal and economic scholarship to global academic communities.

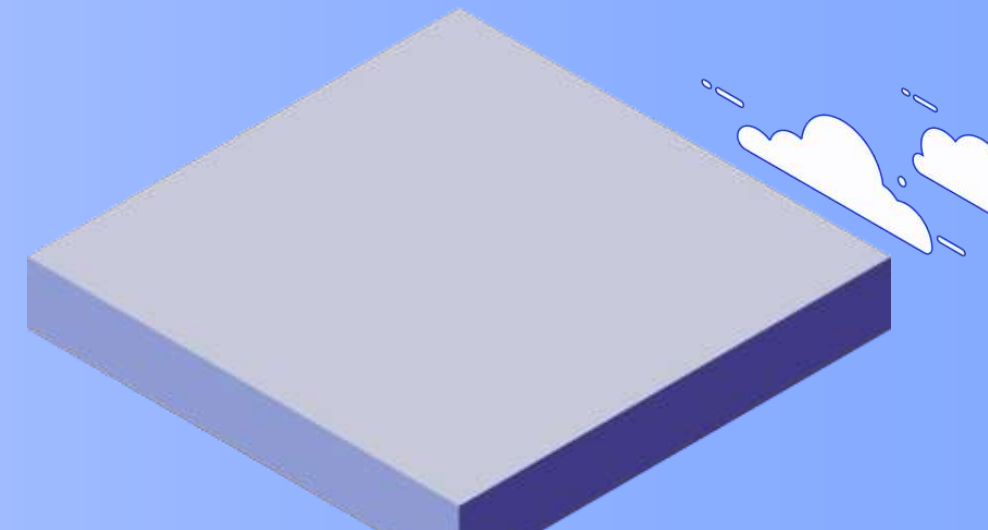
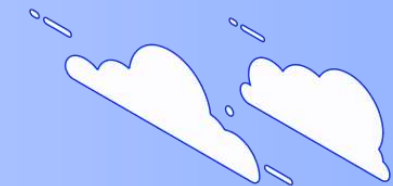
- **Library's Vision for the Future:**

- **A fully hybrid library:** Seamlessly integrating physical and digital collections.
- **A hub for e-resource and economic scholarship:** Supporting researchers with advanced tools.
- **A leader in digital preservation:** Ensuring accessibility of Cambodian legal and economic heritage.
- **A community learning center:** Providing inclusive access to information and digital literacy.



WHAT WE PLAN NEXT

- **Facilitate Resource Sharing:**
 - Promote consortia for e-resource subscriptions, especially for specialized legal and economic databases.
- **Standardization & Best Practices:**
 - Encourage regional standards for digital preservation, metadata, and institutional repositories.
- **Capacity Building Programs:**
 - Organize joint training on advanced digital librarianship, legal information management, and emerging technologies.
- **Collaborative Digitization Projects:**
 - Support cross-border initiatives for shared legal and economic heritage.
- **Knowledge Exchange Platforms:**
 - Establish robust platforms for AUNILO members to share experiences and solutions.





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