



DEMOCRACY DIALOGUE SERIES

on

THE NECESSITY OF SPECIAL TAX ON BEER AND LIQUOR IN CAMBODIA

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Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Questions for Discussion

- 1) What is the current situation of beer and liquor in Cambodia?
- 2) What are the negative effects of beer and alcohol on Cambodian society today?
- 3) What is the policy to increase the special tax on beer and liquor?
- 4) Why is it necessary to have a policy to increase the special tax on beer and liquor in Cambodia?
- 5) How to advocate a policy to increase the special tax on beer and liquor in Cambodia?

Summary

The Dialogue examined the existing landscape of alcohol especially beer and liquor consumption in Cambodia, considering factors such as consumption patterns, market trends, and the economic impact of the industry. The discussion also looked at the negative effects of beer and alcohol on Cambodian Society today. The participants also discussed the adverse social effects of beer and alcohol consumption in Cambodia, including health concerns, social issues, and economic burdens associated with alcohol-related problems. The discussion raises the need of policy to increase the special tax on beer and liquor in Cambodia especially the elevation of the adoption of law on alcohol control. The dialogue also explored the reasons behind the necessity of implementing a policy to increase the special tax on beer and liquor, highlighting the potential benefits in terms of public health, social well-being, and government revenue.

Overall, the dialogue successfully generated a comprehensive understanding of the current situation surrounding beer and liquor in Cambodia, acknowledging the negative impacts on society. Participants collaborated to propose a policy aimed at increasing the special tax on these beverages, emphasizing the urgency and benefits of such a measure. The outcomes of the dialogue provide a foundation for advocacy efforts, fostering a collective commitment to addressing the challenges associated with alcohol consumption in Cambodia and promoting a healthier and more sustainable society.