



The Future of English Language Teaching in the Digital Era: Empowering Teaching & Transforming Learners

## Conference Program Overview

**Venue: Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC)**

**Friday, 6 February 2026**

Time	Pre-Conference Activities — Educational and Cultural Site Visits
07:00 – 08:00	Guest arrival, Registration and Conference Bag Collection
08:00 – 13:30	Five Educational and Cultural Site Visits 1. City Landmarks 2. Cultural Site Visits 3. Educational Site Visits 4. Morning Mekong River Cruise 5. ELT in Action - Teaching Visitors in Cambodia



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### Official Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

Time	Activities
16:00 – 17:00	Guest Arrival, Registration and Entering the Main Conference Hall
17:00 – 17:05	National Anthems
17:05 – 17:20	Special Cultural Show: Apsara Dance & Lbokator Performances
17:20 – 17:25	Welcome Remarks by Mr. Mao Sreng, Country Director and CamTESOL Convenor, IDP Education and the Australian Centre for Education (ACE)
17:25 – 17:30	Special Remarks by Ms. Ms. Bridgette L. Walker, Chargé d'Affaires, the United States Embassy Phnom Penh
17:30 – 17:35	Special Remarks by H.E. Dominic Williams, British Ambassador to Cambodia
17:35 – 17:40	Special Remarks by H.E. Derek Yip, Australian Ambassador to Cambodia
17:40 – 17:50	Official Opening Remarks by H.E. Hang Chuon Naron, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Youth and Sport
<b><i>End of Formality</i></b>	
17:50 – 18:30	<p>Opening Plenary Panel Discussion — Main Conference Hall</p> <p><b>Topic: “Empowering Teachers and Teaching in the Digital Era”</b></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Willy Renandya (Language Teacher Educator NIE-NTU, SUSS and RELC Singapore)</li><li>• Dr. Wayne Wright (Associate Dean for Research, Graduate Programs, and Faculty Development College of Education, Purdue University USA)</li></ul> <p>Moderator: Mr. Chanreaksmech Mech (Campus Manager, Australia Centre for Education)</p>
18:30 – 20:00	Welcome reception and Networking at the Exhibition Area, Ground Floor



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**Saturday, 7 February 2025**

Time	Activities	
8:00 – 9:00	Guest Arrival, Registration and Entering the Main Conference Hall	
9:00 – 9:40	Plenary Session — Main Conference Hall Topic: <b>“Viewing and Teaching English Language Learners from a Multilingual Lens”</b> Speaker: Pro Wayne E. Wright (Associate Dean for Research, Graduate Programs, and Faculty Development College of Education, Purdue University USA)	
9:50–15:25	9:50 - 10:20	Parallel Session 1
	10:30 - 11:00	Parallel Session 2 + Poster Session
	11:10 - 11:40	Parallel Session 3 + Poster Session
	11:40 - 12:30	Lunch
	12:40 - 13:10	Parallel Session 4
	13:20 - 13:50	Parallel Session 5
	14:00 - 14:30	Parallel Session 6
	14:40 - 15:10	Parallel Session 7
	15:10 - 15:25	Afternoon refreshments
15:30–16:20	Plenary Session — Main Conference Hall Topic: <b>“Pedagogy First, Technology Second: Rethinking ELT Priorities”</b> Speaker: Dr. Willy A. Renandya (Language Teacher Educator NIE-NTU, SUSS and RELC Singapore)	



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**Sunday, 8 February 2025**

Time	Activities	
8:00 – 9:00	Guest Arrival, Registration and Entering the Main Conference Hall	
9:00 – 9:40	Plenary Session — Main Conference Hall Topic: <b>“Developing a Critical Lens: Building Metacognitive Awareness in Language Learners for an AI-Driven World”</b> Speaker: Ms. Gae Nastasi (President of QATESOL & EAL/D Coordinator for Metropolitan Region, Department of Education Queensland)	
9:50–15:35	9:50 - 10:20	Parallel Session 1
	10:30 - 11:00	Parallel Session 2 + Poster Session
	11:10 - 11:40	Parallel Session 3 + Poster Session
	11:40 - 12:30	Lunch
	12:40 - 13:10	Parallel Session 4
	13:20 - 13:50	Parallel Session 5
	14:00 - 14:30	Parallel Session 6
	14:40 - 15:10	Parallel Session 7
	15:10 - 15:25	Afternoon refreshments
15:30–16:20	Closing Plenary Panel Discussion — Main Conference Hall Topic: <b>“Empowering Teachers for the Future of ELT”</b> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Virak Chan (Clinical Associate Professor, Purdue University)</li> <li>• Ms. Gae Nastasi (President of QATESOL &amp; EAL/D Coordinator for Metropolitan Region, Department of Education Queensland)</li> </ul> Moderator: Mr. Ratana Chheang (Campus Manager, Australia Centre for Education)	