



AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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HONOURING MR KHUY MUY

Last week the Australian Embassy family joined together to honour one of the longest serving members of the Embassy family, Mr Khuy Muy.

Mr Muy, who first started work at the Embassy in 1957, served with courage and dedication for more than 30 years.

Most famously, Mr Muy was entrusted with the keys to the Embassy when Australian diplomats withdrew from Cambodia in early 1975. He stayed at the Chancery until forced to leave at gunpoint by the Khmer Rouge. He then buried the keys and his Embassy pass for safekeeping. After having enduring great personal loss and hardship, when Australian diplomats returned to Cambodia in the early 1990s, Mr Muy was there to welcome them and return the keys. He was hired on the spot, and went on to work as the Ambassador's driver until 2003.

On Friday night, at a small celebration to welcome back to Cambodia staff and families who had returned to Australia due to COVID-19, as well as to greet new Embassy staff, Ambassador Kang was proud to rename the Embassy's social area the 'Khuy Muy Bar'.

Ambassador Kang said "The Khuy Muy Bar is a space used for social gatherings for the Embassy and wider Australian community in Cambodia. It is where our family gathers and comes together. It was an honour to rename the space in tribute to the longest serving member of our Embassy family, Mr Muy."

Many Embassy staff members, Australian and Khmer, were 'star struck' to be in Mr Muy's presence. Staff members said it was a privilege to meet Mr Muy and his wife Chhim Aun. We are inspired by his courage, dedication and self-sacrifice.

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Ambassador Kang and Mr Khuy Muy



Mr Khuy Muy (second from the left) and his wife, Chhim Aun (third from the right) with the Embassy staff



Ambassador Kang, Mr Khuy Mui and the Embassy staff