

MEMORY OF A NATION: SLEUK RITH INSTITUTE

A PERMANENT DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF CAMBODIA

Cambodia will never escape its history, but it does not need to be enslaved by it

MEMORY, JUSTICE & HEALING

“...a society cannot know itself if it does not have an accurate memory of its own history.”

The name of our Institute reflects our core objectives as well as our Cambodian heritage. Sleuk rith are dried leaves that Cambodian religious leaders and scholars have used for centuries to document history, disseminate knowledge, and preserve culture during periods of harsh rule and grave peril. The term “sleuk rith” literally means “the power of the leaves,” capturing their beauty as vehicles of knowledge and their strength in advancing social memory and human dignity. The Sleuk Rith Institute will represent a permanent stand against mass violence in Cambodia and throughout the world.

