

ANNOUNCEMENT ON

The National Summit on the Development of the Microfinance Sector in Cambodia

The National Bank of Cambodia is hosting the National Summit on the Development of the Microfinance Sector in Cambodia from March 14-15, 2016 in Phnom Penh. The Summit will be presided over by **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia. This occasion marks the 10 Year Anniversary since the Government held the first National Summit on January 11-13th, 2006 and declared that year “The Year of Microfinance”.

The objective of the National Summit is to promote public awareness on the development of the microfinance sector in Cambodia and its important role in the development of the nation’s economy and in poverty alleviation, which are key components in the government’s national strategies, as well as attracting more attention from local and international stakeholders.

The opening ceremony will be held on the morning of March 14, 2016 at the Peace Palace, Council of Ministers. Following this ceremony, the Summit will be moved to City Hall on Diamond Island for the rest of March 14th and 15th. This two day summit will include a series of presentations and panel discussions about progress and development of the microfinance sector in Cambodia over the last decade. Five panel discussions will be held related topics such as: Access to Finance; Formal and Informal Lending; Financial Literacy and Consumer Protection; Mobile Banking: Opportunities and Challenges and Role of Microfinance Institution in Society and Environment. These discussions will bring together national and international speakers from ministries, development partners, the private sector, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders to share their knowledge, experience and expertise.