

Dear Editor, Koh Santepheap News

Referring to article “Factory Solar Experiment Disappointing” in Khmer version by Koh Santepheap News and later republished in English version by the online Cambodia News English, GMAC would like to clarify as the followings:

1. Comments by the Secretary General of GMAC was misunderstood by the news interviewer, who apparently has little or limited knowledge of the subject matter. The article was therefore misleading.
2. Solar energy usage does contribute to the reduction of energy cost for our industry. Installation of Solar PV System on the rooftop of our Cambodian Garment Training Institute (CGTI) practically confirms that it has been beneficial in term of energy cost saving.
3. The intended comments by the Secretary General was to point out to the policies of the Electricity Authority of Cambodia (EAC), issued on 26 January 2018 and on 08 May 2018, whose objective is to protect the licensees (EDC and Private Operators) for their investment made in infrastructures in electricity supply system to meet the demand of consumers. While the objective of the policy is understandable, it sets limitation on how our industry can take maximum advantage of the possible amount of solar energy they could produce.

Under the policy, installation of Solar PV system synchronized with the Electricity Supply System of National Grid is subject to the following conditions:

- The maximum capacity of the solar power project shall not be more than 50% of the Contracted Demand stated in the Power Supply Agreement.
- There shall be two types of payments by consumers with Solar PV System: 1) The Capacity Charge which ranks from \$7.00/kw/m to \$11.38/kw/m to be multiplied by the Contracted Demand in full, and 2) The Energy Charge on actual consumption amount which ranks from \$0.093/kwh to \$0.125/kwh.

Capacity charge policy makes solar project less attractive.

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