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Directive on Strengthening of Health Civil Servant Management

The Ministry of Health has previously observed that a large number of civil servants have paid attention to the discipline and working hours pursuant to the principle of the Royal Government, struggled to perform daily work, and followed internal regulations and instructions from higher levels with great admiration. However, a number of civil servants have not paid attention to the discipline and working hours and have not arrived at the workplace on time based on daily livelihood insecurity or other difficulties. As for the management at all levels have also performed their management work as the above situation, that is, some units have also had good performance in compliance with just principles, but some other units have not been so strict that there has been conspiracy with indisciplined officials.

To be equal in daily work between each civil servant and to abide by the policy on public administrative reform of the Royal Government in which each unit is very engaged in gradual work implementation, the Ministry of Health would like to make the following instructions in regard to the management of civil servants:

- Working Hours and Days

All civil servants shall in principle keep their working hours (eight hours per day and five days per week) of the Royal Government. The absence shall have sound reasons and legal permission in accordance with permission competence. The civil servants shall pay attention, take responsibility for the performance of their work, and have good conduct pursuant to the professional code of ethics, avoiding incidental mistakes. Each head unit is required to re-strengthen all work activities of subordinate staff so as to improve the effectiveness of daily work. All units shall develop their own internal regulations according to the actual situation and characteristic of each unit, but the internal regulations shall comply with the laws of the government and the principles of the ministry. Unit heads shall manage and allocate work to all subordinate personnel in accordance with skills and responsibility of each staff member.

In case any civil servant breaches discipline or commit professional mistakes or a head unit helps keep the mistakes of the indisciplined official (such as absence with no clear reason for a long period of time, etc) hidden, the official or unit head, if found guilty, shall be punished according to the level of mistakes as stated in Article 40 of the Law on Co-Statute for the Civil Servants of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

- Implementation of Procedures for Health Civil Servants Who Have Lost Professional Aptitude

To ensure perfection of personnel management, each head of unit with subordinate officials who have lost professional aptitude shall make a report to and request the ministry to evaluate the level of the professional aptitude loss of the staff concerned. After the evaluation, the ministry will take measures to dismiss them from work and provide allowances in conformity with the pension schemes for the loss of professional aptitude as stipulated in Chapter 2 of subdecree No. 59 <code>HSIT.UTO</code> the implementation of pension schemes and pension for the loss of professional aptitude for the civil servants of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

- Mentions on Administrative or Individual Letters

The ministry has previously observed that mentions on administrative or individual letters in an administrative hierarchy are often so unclear (such as seen and sent to, etc) that some letters requiring consideration and approval from the ministry management are hard to judge. In order to facilitate the fair judgment and decision of the management, each unit at its level shall provide clear mentions according to its role and position. For example, in regard to mentions on applications for transfers of civil servants, the management at its level shall be aware of the need for civil servants within the unit (any officials are contractual, are having a course or taking leave without pay, approval or disapproval of transfers) avoiding maximum personal affection, nepotism, benefits, etc.

Having received the directive, all subordinate units in an administrative hierarchy of the health ministry shall pay attention and effectively implement the directive.

Senior Minister and Minister of Health

(Signed and stamped)

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