1. Objective of Research

- To improve the livelihoods of landholders in Cambodia through more effective enforcement of laws related to land ownership and land use.

2. Proposition

- Delegating discretionary authority to local authorities is more crucial than exercising that authority at the national level in order to alleviate landholder’s poverty.

3. Scope of Research

1. Legal issues related to land distribution since 1989.
2. Important role of village, district and provincial authorities with regard to land tenure and national land policy.

4. Outline of Dissertation (1)

Introduction

Ch. 1: Property Rights in Cambodia
- Historical Background (done)
- Ownership of Property (done)
- Security Interests (done)
- Forms of Ownership
4. Outline of Dissertation (2)

Ch. 2: The Role of Competent Authorities in Land Distribution (1)
- Land Privatization (done)
- Institutional Reform (done)
- Land Registration (done)
- Land Management

4. Outline of Dissertation (3)

Ch. 3: Economic Pressure (1)
- Land Market (done)
- Land Grabbing (done)
- Rural Migration to Urban Areas (done)
- Loose Management of Local Authorities (done)

4. Outline of Dissertation (4)

Ch. 4: The Role of Competent Authorities in Land Use Policy (1)
- State Land Management (done)
- Social Land Concessions (done)
- Economic Land Concessions (done)
- Dissemination of Legal Consciousness (done)
4. Outline of Dissertation (5)

Ch. 5: Areas for Reform (1)

- Empowering Local Authorities (done)
- Land Taxation (done)
- Judicial Reform
- NGO participation

Conclusion

Ch. 5: Areas for Reform (2)

Systematic Land Registration

- Confirm legality of land titles
- Receive land taxes from District Authorities

Sporadic land registration
- Transfer of land rights
- Collect land taxes and others

Inform those who don’t pay land taxes
- Submit appropriate land docs.

National Authority

Provincial Authorities

District Authorities

Commune Authorities

Social land concessions

- State Private Land
- Poor and/or landless
- Residential land ≤ 1,200 m²
- Agricultural land ≤ 2 ha
- 5 year possession

Economic land concessions

- State Private Land
- Richer/Companies
- ≤ 10,000 ha
- ≤ 99 years

Thank you for your attention!
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