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## Mekong Cultural Hub

Mekong Cultural Hub (MCH) is an exciting new organisation, set up to offer personal and professional development opportunities for creative cultural practitioners in Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar and Thailand and to build sustainable networks around Asia. Programs will include workshops, exchange, training and networking, and will involve participants and practitioners from Taiwan, as well as other South-East Asian countries on particular programs.

MCH serves people who are working at the intersection of arts and society. It aims to support creative practitioners who are already established in their own contexts and are ready to widen their networks and their impact by developing regional projects and collaboration. One of the first projects of Mekong Cultural Hub in 2018 will be a Mekong Mapping, to learn more about the situation of cultural practitioners in our region and to develop a strong foundation for a network. We also plan to launch a “regional cultural leadership program” in partnership with British Council.

In its first year, MCH is supported by Ministry of Culture Taiwan (R.O.C.) and Fresh Sound Foundation, and collaborating with British Council. MCH is a sister organisation of Cambodian Living Arts, which has been working in Cambodia since 1998, and has a mission to be a catalyst in a vibrant arts sector in Cambodia. Both MCH and CLA share the belief that arts are at the heart of a vital society, and this spirit is reflected throughout their programmes.

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