

**BIO OF CAMBODIA'S AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY &  
PLENIPOTENCIARY DESIGNATE TO THE USA & MEXICO**



**CHUM BUN RONG  
BORN: APRIL 3, 1950  
MARRIED WITH 4 CHILDREN**

Chum Bun Rong achieved in 1970 the Bachelor Degree in Law & Human Sciences and other associate degree in 1980's in international law, Political Science and Diplomacy in Potsdam Academy in Germany then Social security in Vietnam.

Upon return to Cambodia in 1972 to 1975, he served as officer of the Military Police in Cambodia and received Military Police Training in Fort Gordon Ga, USA.

When the Khmer Rouges took over Phnom Penh in April 1975, he claimed to journalists that: "I basically thrown away my uniform and escaped into the jungle feeding myself with insects and roots to survive"... During the dark period of contemporary Cambodian history from 1975 to 1979, he was prisoner of the Khmer Rouge Regime like most of his compatriots but he survived through the ordeal.

From 1979 to 1991, Chum Bun Rong served as Director of the Press of Africa & Middle East Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation when Hun Sen was both Prime Minister and Foreign Minister concurrently.

From 1991 to 1993 when the country changed its name into SOC<sup>1</sup> in the pre-UNTAC period, Chum Bun Rong was appointed a member of the SNC<sup>2</sup> representing the Phnom Penh Regime. He was the main coordinator for the SOC dealing with the CGDK factions.

From 1994 to 2006, Chum Bun Rong subsequently served as Director General of The Social Fund of the Kingdom of Cambodia, a government institution created to manage aid money contributed by World Bank for social matters primarily in rural development projects.

From 2006 to 2008, he then moved to the National Land Authority (chaired by DPM Sok An) to help mitigate with mounting land issues as its Deputy Secretary General.

From 2008 to 2014, he was appointed Advisor to the Prime Minister as well as Secretary General (with rank of Senior Minister) of the Cambodia Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) and Member of the Permanent Central Committee of Cambodia Red Cross.

From October 2014 to February 2015, he retained his appointment of Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia (with rank of Senior Minister)

In March 2015, Chum Bun Rong was appointed as the Cambodian Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary to USA and Mexico.

He is a devout Buddhist and likes Table Tennis as well as is fluent in English & French beside his native Khmer language.

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<sup>1</sup> State of Cambodia – from 1989 to 1990 in transition prior to reaching the Paris Peace Accord in 1991

<sup>2</sup> Supreme National Council chaired by the late King Norodom Sihanouk and composed of 4 political factions, the CPP, the FUNCINPEC, the KPNLF and the Khmer Rouge (FUN/KPNLF/KR represented the CGDK –Coalition Govt of Democratic Kampuchea occupying the Cambodian seat at the UN-)