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# LAND PRICE 2014

## FINAL REPORT OF THE LAND PRICE SURVEY IN PHNOM PENH



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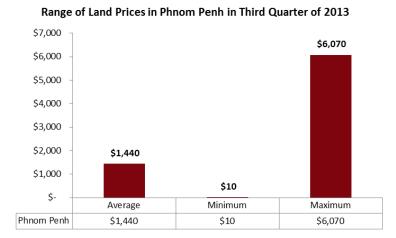
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The result of the land price survey in Phnom Penh in fourth quarter of 2013 show that the average asking price of the land in Phnom Penh is US\$1,140 per square meter; the minimum asking price is about US\$10 per square meter; and the maximum asking price is US\$5,900.

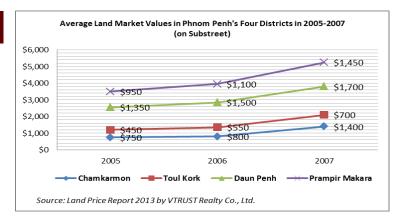
The highest asking price of the land from the survey

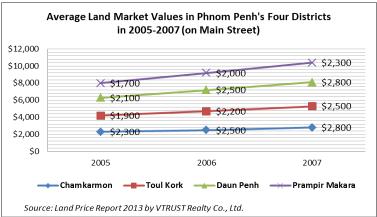


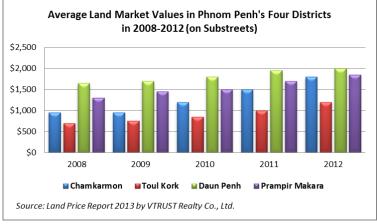
is associated with the locations and features of the land. The land with the highest asking price is located in *khan* Chamkarmon's *sangkat* Boeng Keng Kang Muoy (BKK1), in which the price was asked at US\$5,900 per square meter. The lowest asking price of the land is associated with the features, economic importance and location. In *khan* Sen Sok's *sangkat* Ponhea Pon, which is undeveloped and off economic important areas, for instance, some locations have as low asking price as US\$10 per square meter.

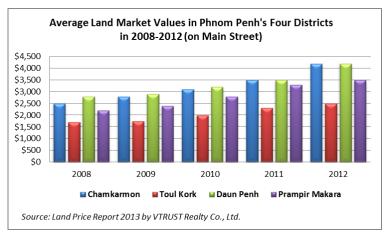
#### **REVIEW**

Following the 2008 real estate bubble where property prices had skyrocketed unresponsively to the market values and the demand, the prices then went up steadily thence until now. That said, the oversupply could never meet the actual demand. During the bubble, the raised property prices were said to have no relations with the economic value and demand, which thereby created an 'oversupply, no demand' situation and financial, economic and cash flow crises for many property sellers and buyers that



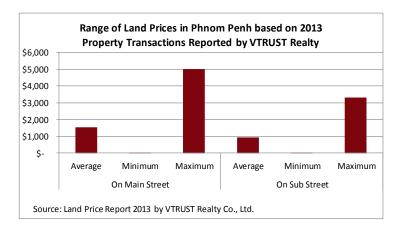






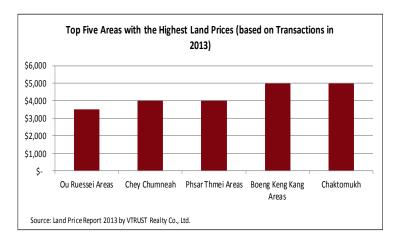
could never manage to resell their bought properties for cashflow management.

The real estate bubble ended by 2010, and then normal market prices of property started increase slowly, slightly and economically. However, land



prices have never decreased, as this happened similarly overtime in other countries in the world.

In early 2014, VTRUST Realty, a locally-owned real estate company, released its land price report based on transactions being made during 2013 in Phnom Penh. The report shows that the average price of land in the Capital's main street areas was around US\$1,560 per square meter; the minimum price was US\$40, while the maximum was as high as US\$5,000 per square meter. On the Capital's substreet areas,



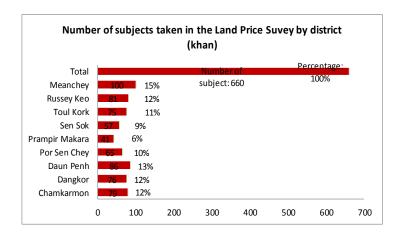
however, the average price was US\$940 per square meter; the minimum was as low as US\$20, while the maximum was up to 3,300 per square meter.

The highest prices were found in the areas where they are deemed commercial and economically important and are on major streets. Such areas are Boeng Keng Kang areas, where the land price goes as high as US\$5,000 per square meter; sangkhat Chaktokmukh, where the price goes as high as US\$5,000 per square meter; and sangkhat Chey Chumneah and Psar Thmey areas, where land price goes as high as US\$4,000 per square meter.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

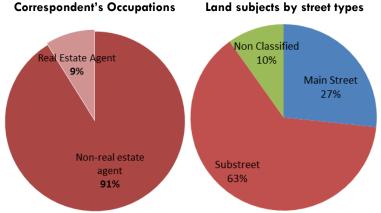
#### Sampling

The land price survey was conducted with a sample size of 660 correspondents who are selling their properties throughout Phnom Penh's nine districts (khan) and 96 communes (sangkat). Each sangkat was selected averagely 8 property sellers for the survey.



Some of the targeted areas, however, came up with limited survey sample sizes, while others exceeded the number of the targeted samples.

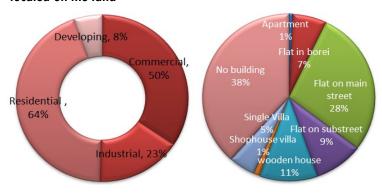
The samples were chosen based on locating, random



and chain sampling techniques in order to generate more reliable data of the land prices. Nine percent of the samples were real estate agents, while 91% of the samples were non real estate agents.

Land subjects taken in the survey are located in different types of land features. However, most of the land subjects are on sub streets, representing 63% of the total subjects. On main streets, however, the land subjects were taken for the survey

#### Location features of land subjects and different types of houses located on the land



representing only 27%, while 10% of the land subject types were non-classified.

Of the total land subjects studied in the survey, 64% of them are located in residential areas, 50% in commercial areas, and the rest in industrial and developing zones.

In addition, the majority of land subjects contained buildings. Only 38% of the subjects were without any buildings. Land with flats on major streets represents 28%, followed by land with flats on substreet, 9%.

#### Information Collections

Collections of samples were conducted by field searches for land sales in all districts (*khan*) and communes (*sangkat*) in Phnom Penh. Survey team of ten persons searched for signs of land sales and recorded telephone numbers and then made calls for the interview appointments. When the correspondents were not available for the meet ups, survey team asked for permission to talk on phone.

Information is collected by both in-person and phoneinterviews with the samples. Due to constraints pertaining to in-person interviews, phone-interviews were mainly conducted to collect data from the property sellers. By phone-interviews, survey team faced several challenges receiving accurate information because phone-calls produced some interruptions such as weak sound, unclear messages, and less friendly conversations.

#### **Data Analyses**

Statistical analysis software Epi Info 7 was used to enter and analyze the collected data. Microsoft Excel

7 was additionally used to generate graphs, tables and charts. Although Epi Info is primarily used in epidemiology in health sciences, Epi Info 7 has a more advanced package ideal for advanced and complex statistical analyses with additional capacity to conduct mapping, create questionnaires, take online survey, and use as many other functions.

#### Limitations

This survey has several limitations due to constraints in conducting field surveys and collecting data in that the survey took a large sample size throughout the Capital. Though almost all the selected samples chosen for the survey were cooperative to respond to the questionnaires, most of the correspondents were not able to meet the field survey team and preferred phone calls for the surveys instead. Through phonecalls, however, it was unable to see the land and buildings, difficult to get information, and interrupted with surroundings during the calls.

Concerning the data analyses and building value evaluations, there are some limitations that could possibly contribute to a slight bias to the findings of the average prices of the land. In the net land value assessment techniques, prices of the buildings are excluded in order to assess the actual prices of the land. Through this technique, it was intended to find out the proximity of the actual land values by building-value exclusion. The limitation pertaining to the building-value assessments is that the buildings, though they were classified for different sets of values, were not seen but merely assessed by the surveyors from the distance and this could lead to a slight bias to their actual sizes, locations, or conditions. Techniques of depreciation of the buildings, furthermore, were not used to assess the building values.

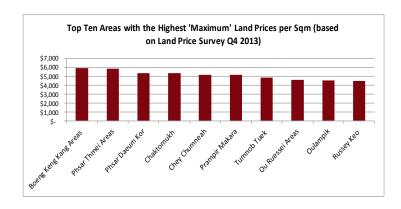
#### **RESULTS OF LAND PRICE SURVEY**

Results of the land price survey, which was taken in the fourth quarter of 2013, show that the average price of land in Phnom Penh is around US\$1,440 per square meter; the minimum asking price is as low as US\$10, while the maximum asking price is as high as

RESULTS OF LAND PRICE S	LAND PRICE REPORT 2014 BY VTRUST REALTY (ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS)															
Asking Prices						On Main Street On Sub Street										
Location Stratifications	Asking Prices  Average Minimum				aximum					aximum	Average	Minimum		Maximum		
Chamkarmon District						Average										
Boeng Keng Kang Areas	\$ 2,36		\$ 1,010	\$	5,900	\$ 3,250		1,500	\$	5,000	\$ 1,650	\$	750	\$	1,800	
	\$ 2,50		\$ 1,000	\$	5,900	\$ 3,500	\$	2,000	\$	5,000	\$ 2,850	\$	1,200	\$	3,300	
Boeng Keng Kang Bei	\$ 2,00		\$ 1,100	\$	2,600	\$ 2,750	\$	2,000	\$	3,500	\$ 1,500	\$	1,200	\$	1,800	
Boeng Keng Kang Muoy	\$ 3,30		\$ 1,200	\$	5,900	\$ 3,900	\$	2,800	\$	5,000	\$ 2,800	\$	2,300	\$	3,300	
Boeng Keng Kang Pir	\$ 2,10		\$ 1,000	\$	3,800	\$ 3,250	\$	2,000	\$	4,500	\$ 1,500	\$	1,200	\$	1,800	
Boeng Trabaek	\$ 1,81		\$ 1,200	\$	2,970	\$ 2,050	\$	1,800	\$	2,300	\$ 1,400	\$	1,100	\$	1,700	
Oulampik	\$ 2,68		\$ 1,440	\$	4,520	\$ 2,150	\$	1,800	\$	2,500	\$ 1,400	\$	1,100	\$	1,700	
Phsar Daeum Thkov	\$ 1,75		\$ 770 \$ 1,530	\$	2,710	\$ 1,950	\$	1,500	\$	2,400	\$ 1,125	\$	750	\$	1,500	
Tumnob Tuek Tuol Svay Prey Areas	\$ 2,62		. ,		4,810	\$ 2,250	1	2,000	\$	2,500	\$ 1,250		900	·	1,600	
	\$ 2,79 \$ 2,78		\$ 2,020 \$ 2,120	\$	4,030	\$ 2,150	\$	1,800	\$	2,500	\$ 1,450	\$	1,200	\$	1,700	
Tuol Svay Prey Muoy			. ,	\$	3,460	\$ 2,150	\$	1,800		2,500	\$ 1,450	\$	1,200	·	1,700	
Tuol Svay Prey Pir	\$ 2,80 \$ 1,85		\$ 2,020 \$ 1,150		4,030	\$ 2,150	\$	1,800	\$	2,500	\$ 1,450	\$	1,200	\$	1,700	
Tuol Tumpung Muoy	. ,		. ,	\$	2,610	\$ 2,200	\$	1,600	\$	2,800	\$ 1,350	\$	1,000	\$	1,700	
Tuol Tumpung Pir  Daun Penh District	\$ 2,10		. ,	\$	3,470	\$ 2,200	\$	1,600	·	2,800	\$ 1,350 <b>\$ 2,200</b>		1,000	\$ <b>\$</b>	1,700	
	\$ <b>3,62</b> \$ 3,39		\$ <b>1,042</b> \$ 1,250	<b>\$</b> \$	<b>5,830</b> 5,310	<b>\$ 3,750</b> \$ 4,000	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,500</b> 3,000	<b>\$</b> \$	<b>5,000</b>		<b>\$</b> \$	<b>1,600</b> 1,800	\$	<b>2,800</b> 2,800	
Chaktomukh	. ,		. ,			. ,	1	·	\$	5,000	\$ 2,300	\$	•	\$		
Chey Chumneah Phsar Thmei Areas	\$ 4,20 \$ 3,45		\$ 2,500 \$ 1,040	\$	5,160 5,830	\$ 3,500	\$	3,000 2,500	\$	4,000 4,000	\$ 2,250 \$ 2,150	\$	1,700 1,800	\$	2,800	
Meanchey District						\$ 3,250	\$ <b>\$</b>		\$		\$ 2,130 \$ <b>925</b>	\$ <b>\$</b>	-	\$ <b>\$</b>	2,500	
•	\$ <b>83</b> \$ 1,68		<b>\$ 100</b> \$ 880	<b>\$</b> \$	<b>2,990</b> 2,990	\$ 1,175	<u> </u>	<b>350</b> 1,600	\$	<b>2,000</b> 2,000	\$ <b>925</b> \$ 1,150	\$	<b>250</b> 700	\$	<b>1,600</b>	
Boeng Tumpun Chakangrae Areas	\$ 1,68		\$ 880 \$ 420	\$	1,620	\$ 1,800	\$	900	\$		\$ 1,150	\$	400	\$	800	
Chakangrae Areas				\$		\$ 1,200	\$		\$	1,500	\$ 800			\$		
Chbar Ampov Areas	\$ 91		\$ 220		2,030	\$ 1,350	<u> </u>	900		1,800		\$	500	\$	1,100	
Nirouth	\$ 76		\$ 230 \$ 100	\$	1,800	\$ 750 \$ 375	\$		\$	900		\$	300	\$	500	
Preack Aeng	\$ 33 \$ 33		\$ 100 \$ 110	\$	670 500	\$ 375 \$ 350	\$	300	\$	450 400	\$ 275 \$ 225	\$	250 200	\$	300 250	
Preaek Pra	\$ 33		\$ 110 \$ 260	\$	1,710	\$ 350	\$	900	\$	1,500	\$ 225	\$	450	\$	800	
Stueng Mean Chey Veal Sbov	\$ 45		\$ 200	\$	730	\$ 400	\$	350	Ś	450	\$ 275	\$	250	\$	300	
Por Sen Chey District	\$ <b>27</b>		\$ 220 \$ <b>20</b>	\$ <b>\$</b>	1,810	\$ 400 \$ <b>920</b>	\$	40	\$ <b>\$</b>	1,800	\$ 275 \$ 135	\$ <b>\$</b>	20	\$ <b>\$</b>	250	
Chaom Chau	\$ 72		\$ 360	\$	1,340	\$ 1,150	\$	500	\$	1,800	\$ 200	\$	150	\$	250	
Kamboul			\$ 300	\$	60	\$ 1,130	\$	40	\$	60	\$ 30	\$	25	\$	35	
Krang Thnong			3 30 3 40	\$	70	\$ 90	\$	100	\$	120	\$ 33	\$	25	\$	40	
Phleung Chheh Roteh	•		3 30	\$	80	\$ 50	\$	40	\$	60	\$ 33	\$	20	\$	35	
Trapeang Krasang			30	\$	180	\$ 45	\$	40	\$	50	\$ 28	\$	20	\$	35	
Prampir Makara District	\$ 2,70		\$ <b>1,010</b>	\$	5,150	\$ 2,250	\$	1,500	\$	3,000	\$ 1,750	\$	1,500	\$	2,000	
Monourom	\$ 3,20		\$ 1,790	\$	4,170	\$ 2,300	\$	1,800	\$	2,800	\$ 1,800	\$	1,600	\$	2,000	
Ou Ruessei Areas	\$ 1,92		\$ 1,010	\$	4,570	\$ 3,000	\$	2,500	\$	3,500	\$ 1,800	\$	1,600	\$	2,000	
Toul Kork District	\$ 2,26		\$ 1,000	\$	5,340	\$ 2,400	\$	1,800	\$	3,000	\$ 1,350	\$	900	\$	1,800	
Boeng Salang	\$ 2,21		\$ 1,040	\$	3,430	\$ 2,400	\$	1,800	\$	3,000	\$ 1,600	\$	1,400	\$	1,800	
Phsar Daeum Kor	\$ 2,76		\$ 1,040	\$	5,340	\$ 2,400	\$	1,800	\$	3,000	\$ 1,750	\$	1,500	\$	2,000	
Phsar Depou Bei	\$ 2,56		\$ 1,610	\$	2,890	\$ 2,150	\$	1,800	\$	2,500	\$ 1,750	\$	1,400	\$	1,700	
Phsar Depou Muoy	\$ 2,42		\$ 1,850	\$	3,130	\$ 2,150	\$	1,800	\$	2,500	\$ 1,550	\$	1,400	\$	1,700	
Phsar Depou Pir	\$ 2,42		\$ 2,220	\$	3,890	\$ 2,150	\$	1,800	\$	2,500	\$ 1,550	\$	1,400	\$	1,700	
Tuek Laak Areas	\$ 2,81		\$ 1,000	\$	3,470	\$ 2,150	\$	1,800	\$	2,500	\$ 1,400	\$	1,200	\$	1,600	
Boeng Kak Areas	\$ 1,30		\$ 1,000 \$ 650	\$	2,410	\$ 2,130	\$	1,800	\$	2,800	\$ 1,400	\$	700	\$	1,500	
Boeng Kak Mouy	\$ 1,20		\$ 650	\$	1,800	\$ 2,300	\$	1,800	\$	2,800	\$ 1,100	\$	700	\$	1,500	
Boeng Kak Pir	\$ 1,31		\$ 710	\$	2,410	\$ 2,400	\$	1,800	\$	3,000	\$ 1,100	\$	700	\$	1,500	
Dangkor District	\$ 1,51		5 20	\$	920	\$ 450	\$	100	\$	800	\$ 85	\$	20	\$	150	
Cheung Aek	\$ 20		\$ 90	\$	430	\$ 250	\$	150	\$	350	\$ 115	\$	100	\$	130	
Dangkao	\$ 45		\$ 130	\$	920	\$ 475	\$	150	\$	800	\$ 125	\$	100	\$	150	
Prey Sa			30	\$	100	\$ 175	\$	150	\$	200	\$ 80	\$	60	\$	100	
Prey Veaeng	\$ 12		5 50	\$	310	\$ 175	\$	100	\$	150	\$ 65	\$	50	\$	80	
Spean Thma			\$ 20	\$	180	\$ 140	\$	100	\$	180	\$ 35	\$	20	\$	50	

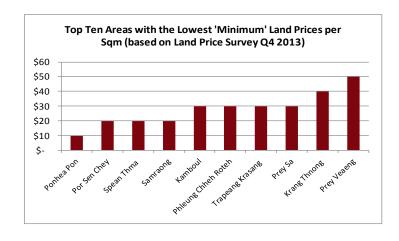
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Location Stratifications	Asking Prices							On Main Street						On Sub Street						
	Average		Minimum		Maximum		Average		Minimum		Maximum		Average		Minimum		Maximum			
Russey Keo District	\$	680	\$	30	\$	4,470	\$	875	\$	250	\$	1,500	\$	445	\$	90	\$	800		
Ruessei Kaev	\$	960	\$	300	\$	1,580	\$	1,100	\$	700	\$	1,500	\$	500	\$	300	\$	700		
Chrang Chamreh Areas	\$	510	\$	100	\$	1,230	\$	450	\$	350	\$	550	\$	225	\$	150	\$	300		
Chrang Chamreh Muoy	\$	360	\$	100	\$	1,300	\$	475	\$	400	\$	550	\$	225	\$	200	\$	250		
Chrang Chamreh Pir	\$	710	\$	370	\$	1,230	\$	425	\$	350	\$	500	\$	205	\$	180	\$	230		
Chrouy Changva	\$	670	\$	120	\$	1,530	\$	1,000	\$	800	\$	1,200	\$	700	\$	600	\$	800		
Preaek Lieb	\$	360	\$	160	\$	830	\$	325	\$	300	\$	350	\$	110	\$	100	\$	120		
Tuol Sangkae	\$	1,080	\$	360	\$	1,610	\$	950	\$	800	\$	1,100	\$	500	\$	300	\$	700		
Kiloumaetr Lekh Prammuoy	\$	200	\$	80	\$	330	\$	275	\$	250	\$	300	\$	105	\$	90	\$	120		
Sen Sok District	\$	770	\$	10	\$	2,680	\$	780	\$	60	\$	1,500	\$	363	\$	25	\$	700		
Phnom Penh Thmei	\$	1,350	\$	290	\$	2,680	\$	1,250	\$	1,000	\$	1,500	\$	525	\$	350	\$	700		
Samraong	\$	40	\$	20	\$	100	\$	125	\$	100	\$	150	\$	45	\$	30	\$	60		
Ponhea Pon	\$	30	\$	10	\$	50	\$	70	\$	60	\$	80	\$	43	\$	25	\$	60		

US\$5,900.



Land with the highest prices are found to be located in the areas deemed to be economically important, residential, with good abundant infrastructure, central to major markets and on bustling streets.

On the other hand, land with the lowest asking price are located in areas in far distance from the bustling Phnom Penh and deemed to be less economic important, undeveloped, without infrastructure and with grim opportunities for profit making.



#### CONCLUSION

There were no previous land price surveys in Cambodia. This survey, therefore, could be a big asset to real estate industry. Prices and market values of land were merely assessed by techniques of comparison and calculation by property appraisers in order to find out the approximate prices and values of the properties.

Land prices reported in this report could be indicative data for general uses in property evaluation, especially land.

Through the comparison between the existing reports about land prices and other literature, the final findings of the survey show that the average asking prices of land in Phnom Penh and many other areas, khans and sangkats throughout Phnom Penh are in concord with other land prices reported by VTRUST Realty and local media.

VTRUST's land price survey is a part of property information believed to be reliable to some extent and not intended to be completely accurate. The findings revealed in the report have to be made in comparison with other existing reports on land prices to produce a more reliable source of information. Though the land price survey findings could be a big contribution to the real estate industry, further surveys, researches and analyses are strongly recommended for a more accurate and reliable information on land pricing in Phnom Penh.

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