

Are you ready?

Cambodia is preparing a draft **Cybercrime Law** that will likely hurt business development. **Do you know what's in the law?**

The Asia Internet Alliance (AIC), which **includes as members Google, Facebook, Twitter and eBay**, reviewed the law and concluded that it creates unreasonable liability for ISPs and other 3rd party data carriers/providers that **“could prevent companies which handle user data from establishing offices or building local data centres”**. They also took issue with criminal offenses, lacking an intent element, that create liability for accessing files. Moreover, they suggested that **“definitions about what content is illegal should be made explicit.”**

<http://www.asiainternetcoalition.org/aic-comments-on-the-draft-cybercrime-law-for-cambodia/>

Of further concern to business development is a recent study by the Dalberg Global Development Advisors. They found that **countries that impose restrictions on Internet use hurt their economic growth** in five (5) different ways:

- Restrictions on Internet openness **reduce investors' confidence**.
- Restrictions **decrease the availability of information**.
- Restrictions make it **harder for people and organizations to connect** with each other.
- Restrictions can **create deadweight costs** for Internet enabled businesses.
- Finally, restrictions on Internet openness **can create distrust and fear**.

For more information, read their report at:

www.dalberg.com/documents/Open_for_Business_Dalberg.pdf

To review the copy of the Draft Cambodia Cybercrime Law that the AIC reviewed, go to http://sithi.org/temp.php?url=law_detail.php&lg=&id=258#.U70wn0BM9us

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