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Interdependency within countries is inevitable in a globalized world like ours, making nations from different parts of the world responsible for certain growths. Asia, home to over half of the world population, where countries varying from the most developed to the least developed ones are located, is the fastest growing economic region. This hints at the significance of the countries in this area to the world as of present as well as in the future. This essay is going to illustrate the roles of Cambodia (my country) and of Asia in the distant future.

Cambodia has been experiencing a steady growth in economics over the last two decades. Although the development of this nation is still considered to be far behind most of those in the same area, it is projected that with effective planning and transparent visions especially on the development of human resources, the nation's economy situation would swell. For instance, there has been a reformation of Cambodia's education system as of late 2014 when the new head of the Ministry of Youth Education and Sports was assigned. Changes include the elimination of corruption during the process of national exams as well as the slight increase in difficulty of the tests. Students are also encouraged to participate in more extracurricular activities and exchange programs in order to develop talents or interests and to have better understandings of other cultures and traditions. Thus alterations result in a selection of socially and academically competent youths who will be responsible for advancements within the country and the region in time to come.

Strengthening the education system, however, is just a stepping stone for Cambodia. So as to catch up with the other nations, the country has to learn to harness its full potential and not just focus on traditional but rather on more modernized ones. Take its growing tourism sector, for example, if managed wisely could amass if not equivalent, more money than both the agriculture and garment industries combined. Most Asian countries' economies are relatively dependant on this industry as well seeming as the income tourism generated equates to half of their GDP for some. ASEAN countries in particular, have shown rapid improvements in this sector and are working towards a growth that is being grounded on responsible and sustainable tourism. This being addressed, Cambodia should work to promote its culture and distinctiveness through tourism as tourism breeds cultural understandings and foreign exchange and investments.

In addition to attracting more tourists, Cambodia should also be capable of igniting investors' interests in its enormous growth potential. With so much room for improvement, Cambodia's untapped market is the perfect destination for investors. Besides, the nation is conveniently situated near two stronger economies (Thailand and Vietnam) and is also within the range of two economic powerhouses (India and China) which many potential investors find compelling. Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital city, has in fact already gathered many investments, especially property investments resulting in the ever-increasing constructions of sky-rise buildings and offices. This indicates the possibility of Phnom Penh becoming a metropolitan city in the future just like Tokyo, Japan these present days.

Apart from the huge influence Asia has and will continue to have on the world's economy, another remarkable aspect that it has to offer is probably its cultural diversity. This region is not home to only Asians but to people from other parts of the world as well building rich, diverse communities. By existing among one another, these people learn to appreciate different cultures and promote engagement with people from various backgrounds. This in turns teaches people to become more understanding of each other's choices and behaviors which will hopefully enhance social cohesion and peace.

There is no saying what time has in store for Cambodia or Asia as the future cannot be accurately predicted and what will really happen is uncertain. However it is true that for Cambodia, albeit slowly, is heading towards a better future in which the nation's responsibilities in ASEAN and Asia will become more important. Its youth, particularly, can play a vital role in addressing the toughest challenges that currently exist or may arise and contribute more to the world in time. As for Asia, the roles the region play will continue to be significant. Due to the fast integration and interdependence of various nations, it is crucial for Asian countries to co-operate, respect each other's boundary and maintain an everlasting coalition for conflicts are damaging not only to the countries involve but the world as a whole.