
[Interviewer: Tola Say. Interviewee: Chi Monivong]
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So the process of making is the same.



In my father's generation, he had another metal hacksaw. This metal hacksaw! When finished chiseling and making the hole, he sawed it like this. He used one small saw to make the hole. When he got close to the end of lamella, he stopped.
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But now, when he saw me using this technique, he copied it. [Laughs...] He said that it was faster. When he did it yesterday, he told me that he used a pencil. Is that true? Did you see a pencil? He used it to draw two lines. To draw it like this! Two black lines! Now, he still uses this technique. He always draws before carving. He is afraid of breaking it. Sometimes when I press by using a chisel... sometimes when I press, it gets broken. He is afraid that it will get broken too. That is why he tries to carve it slowly. To me, it is fine if I press it. I press straight away without drawing [lines] like him.
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It is okay now. I am faster than him. If he can make 20 Angkuoch per day, I can make up to 50. Look at this! I can make a hole. [Laughs...]

He told me that he can make only 15 Angkuoch.

If he can make 15 Angkuoch, I can make 20, up to 30. [Laughs....]

The style of making is different, but mine is faster than his.

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How did he make this Angkuoch? Did he draw or saw?


I could simply do it like this. For him, it was different. He had to carve it. Let me show you how he made it.
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Doesn't he do it like this?




He uses bamboo material like me, yet he uses only dried bamboo. Dry like this! He uses dried bamboo. Didn't he tell you yesterday? He does not really tell you everything. He hides some parts. He hides some parts for the sake of his business, but he sells to his son only. He sells it to my brother [Chi Chen]. Did you meet my brother yesterday?


My brother plays Angkuoch beautifully. At Ta Prohm temple... You said I could play beautifully, but my brother can play much better than me.
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Does he still play now?

He still plays beautifully. He can play because he used to play it very often.

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Is he still selling now?

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These Angkuoch are made for him to sell. If he wants to sell them, he can go to sell them.

If somedays he earns a lot of money from his job, he does not go to sell them.
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If I wänt him to show me how to play, would he mind playing it for me?



[Laughs...] I do not know. You can ask him. If I check on the internet, I can see many pictures of him because many tourists took his photo. Tourists like to take photos of him.
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Were there many Angkuoch sellers?

I cannot estimate but I assume there were not many.

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So is it possible to say that he could sell many Angkuoch before?

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Not really! Because there was another market [near the temple] where tourists could buy them. Hotels also sold Angkuoch and they sold them at a cheaper price [than at the market]. If they [the hotels] bought them for 2000 Riel per Angkuoch, they would sell them for one dollar [one USD = c. 4000 Riel]. So if tourists were aware of this, they did not buy at [the market near] the temple [where Angkuoch sellers would sell for a higher price and let buyers bargain]. It was a trick in their businesses. [Laughs...] I just wanted to let you know.
 I also sold them [Angkuoch] before. When I got a full time job, I stopped. [CM tests the sound of the Angkuoch.]
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When you went to sell, did you play Angkuoch to tourists?

 If I did not play, how could they know [what they were]? I almost forgot it all. I have stopped making them for a very long time. You can imagine. I stopped it five years ago now. It is not a short period of time.





The technique that my father used made a mark. I do not have a pencil with me now. My father always drew a line from there to here. Before I did the
same，but later on，I thought，that takes a lot of time．It took a lot of time to get one Angkuoch done．Making a hole here and there！Before it got a hole，it took a lot time．If I follow my technique，I just make a hole and carve a bit． Fast！
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What else？I am reaching the smoking process．Do you want to shoot it now or not？
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When the bamboo is dried，is it easier to make a hole？


I have already told you．I told you．When the bamboo is dried，it is easier to make a hole．I told you already．

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Damp bamboo？

Yes！I mean damp bamboo．If I talk about it many times，I get confused．



My father liked to use dried bamboo because the Angkuoch made from that dried bamboo could make a good sound．If he made ten Angkuoch，all of them could produce a good sound．If I made ten，two of them might get broken．And then I had to throw them away．They could get broken but my technique was faster than his．

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Some of them get broken？

> You can imagine that I can make 20 while he can do only 10. He can use all those ten but I can get 20. It is just four of them get broken. At least, my technique can make five more than his. [Laughs...] Some of them could be used and some not.
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There are two types of bamboo：bamboo that grows directly under the sun and bamboo that grows under the shade．The bamboo that is under the shade
is not usable because it cannot produce a good sound. However, the bamboo that I have just cut can produce a good sound.

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How do you recognise whether the bamboo is under the sun or the shade?


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To explain the military rule, we have to lay our back on the tree. [Laughs...]



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When we get lost in the forest in the morning, which direction should we lay on? I would like to let you know that, in the morning, I have to lay my back [against the bamboo] and observe which side has heat. When I walk in the morning, I know the time. For example, if it is 10am or 11am, I can lay my back [on the bamboo]. If the east side of the tree is hot, I know it is hot. If it is hot, I can understand that that is the east side. In the late evening, I can understand that is the west side. I lay my back on the west side of the tree, then I can feel that it is hot at my back.

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How do you lay on this bamboo?

When I chop it, I know. You ask a lot. Please look! Even this bamboo, it also has sinews. Its sinews are different from each other. On this side, I can know that it was not really under the sun. It is white and withered, and its flesh is soft. And the side that was under the sun: it is red and firm.

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So you cannot tell by looking at the outside [of the bamboo]?

No! I cannot tell by looking [at the outside].

Smoking! Burning the fire! It is done.

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How about this red bamboo type?


This red bamboo also has sinews. No! It is another type. There are many types.

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What type of bamboo is this?



That is a bamboo I cut. I thought I would take it as my sample. Yesterday, I asked my father which bamboo he used as a sample, and he told me that he uses this one. But, in fact, I had to go and cut the bamboo stem again.
[Laughs...]

Why is this type thicker?



It is a different type. That is a hard bamboo type. People always use this type of bamboo as stairs for climbing trees. They use it as stairs to climb on palm trees. And they use another type as a palm juice container. It cannot be used to make Angkuoch.

Some bamboo's flesh is thick and some are thin. Which one is better?


People use the think the one to make the palm juice container. If it was thick like this, they used it to make stairs. They used it to make Angkuoch. They also could use it to make clappers for animals.

Do you know clappers for animals? People put clappers on cows' necks. When they walk, it sounds like 'Pok!' 'Pok!'
[07:46]

So this bamboo is not the same?

It is wild bamboo. It grows under the sun and it is well dried. It can produce a sound.

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To make a good sound, what does that depend on? The type of bamboo?



Yes! It depends on bamboo. We can't use this wild bamboo unless it is very old. For the bamboo that people use to make stairs, we can use it to make

Angkuoch too when it gets old. The wild bamboo can't be used unless it is very old. This type of bamboo is used to make clappers [for animals].
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