

## *El sueño americano en primera persona* The American Dream in First Person

Madrid, 27 February 2013--In a visit to Spain this month, Ambassador and Mrs. Sichan Siv interacted with some 500 Spanish students, teachers, academics, business and civic leaders to promote the message of hope, freedom and the Spanish edition of Golden Bones, *Huesos de Oro*, published in October 2012 in Bogotá by Grupo Planeta, through Colombian Foreign Minister María Angela Holguín's initiative.

In Santander, the Sivs addressed a conference entitled "*De refugiado camboyano a embajador de los EEUU: el sueño americano en primera persona*" (From Cambodian refugee to U.S. Ambassador: The American Dream in First Person), organized by *Universidad de Cantabria* in honor of the 35th anniversary of *Facultad de Filosofía y Letras*. Dean Jesús Ángel Solórzano Telechea introduced the Sivs to students, faculty members and journalists. Amb. Siv delivered the keynote address at the Global Classrooms Model UN Conference, hosted by Fundación Botín, Spain's largest foundation, with nearly 300 participants (students, teachers, Fulbright grantees) representing 84 countries, on "From Cambodia's Killing Fields to the White House" and U.N. Millennium Development Goals. He spoke with Nieves Bolado Arguello, editor in chief of *El Diario Montañés*, Cantabria's main newspaper, on the Syrian crisis, U.N. reforms, terrorism, especially the Madrid and London attacks, European financial crisis and the death penalty.

In Spain's capital, Amb. Siv addressed *Universidad de Complutense de Madrid* where Prof. Eva Borreguero of *Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología* provided a forum for his *De los campos de la muerte a la Casa Blanca*. Founded in 1293, *Complutense* is Spain's top university and one of the world's oldest. Spanish students had very good questions. They included Western Sahara, Khmer Rouge tribunal, European economic problems, U.S. politics and policies, American Dream... When asked to send a message in Spanish, Amb. Siv said: "*Que tenga buena salud, sea sabio, sea digno. Sea flexible y capaz de adaptarse a circunstancias diferentes. Siga su pasión. Cuando tenga éxito, no se olvide hacer el bien.*" Be well, be wise, be worthy. Be flexible and able to adapt to different circumstances. Follow your passion. When you do well, don't forget to do good. *Muchísimas gracias España!*

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