

## **Thursday May 1st to Monday 5th May, 2025**

Today we spent the morning going over our school work (and David worked on his Anjali lessons... or the progression of the lessons).

In the afternoon, I went to my speaking and listening class and had a good chat with the office staff and with my teacher.

## **Friday May 2, 2025.**

### **Temple Day : Don Mao**

Our first temple trip after our holiday was to Don Mao. This is the one with the new excavations. Some of the trenches have been filled in and some are still open. There are new trenches further away from the central tower ruins.

The people were working and we kept our distance.

A young dog gruffly barked and growled at us.



**Laterite steps from the temple ruins to the east and the recently dug up lion (still on his side).**





**Small butterfly.**



**Common dragonfly.**



In the afternoon, we had language class.

And in the evening, we met Tony and Catherine again and walked through the Old Market, across the river and through the Night Market.

Then it was on to the Infusion Bar for cocktails (delicious), opposite the river.

After this, it was goodbye to these new friends who were flying back to Australia on Saturday.

### **Saturday 3rd May, 2025.**

Perhaps I am too old for cocktails, because I slept in; so we caught a Tuktuk to the supermarket.

I have a few things to do :

Finish sewing the bag I am making.

Set up my new diary.

Review my language work (I have forgotten a lot!)

And find a way to walk more.

We walked to Khmer Grill for tea, so my steps are up for today!

**Sunday 4th May, 2025**

**I slept in again!**

And then spent the day working on blogs, sewing (lining the bag), and doing my exercises and swimming. I have to work on that too (cannot do 30 laps now!)

**Monday May 5th, 2025.**

**Temple Day : Tro MOUNG**

It was a quick trip to Tro MOUNG temple (at the corner of the road through the West Gate and the Korean Ring Road). They are still working here too. The blocks from the fallen temple are numbered. The small central tower is partially dug out and partially repaired.

Once again, we were growled at by a dog, but it eventually accepted us.

It is very hot and sweaty. We are not used to it.





**David looking at a set of blocks reassembled ready to be replaced in the temple.**





**Numbered blocks.**





**The central tower of the temple, with the laterite foundation stones, some new sandstone blocks, some makeshift supporting blocks and reassembled sandstone false door.**

