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AKP Preah Vihear, February 11, 2014 –

His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, attends this morning a praying ceremony at Preah Khan Temple located in Ronakse commune, Sangkum Thmey district, Preah Vihear province.

Photo: Som Rithy

Vietnamese DPM Pays a Courtesy Call on Cambodian PM



AKP Phnom Penh, February 11, 2014 –

Visiting H.E. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (L), pays a courtesy call on Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh this afternoon. *Photo: Poeu Kim Chanrath*

The 13th Meeting of the Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission



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AKP Phnom Penh, February 11, 2014 –

Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong (R) and his Vietnamese counterpart H.E. Pham Binh Minh, hold in Phnom Penh this morning the 13th Meeting of the Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission for Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Co-operation. *Photo: Chim Nary*

Issue on Land Concession for Sugar Plantations and Refineries Discussed

AKP Phnom Penh, February 11, 2014 –

The issue on land concession for sugar plantations and refineries is the main agenda of an inter-ministerial meeting held here yesterday at the Ministry of Commerce, according to a new release issued after the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce, with the participation of H.E. Ouk Rabun, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and H.E. Say Sam Al, Minister of Environment.

H.E. Jean-François Cautain, Ambassador of the European Union to Cambodia, and representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, governors and vice governors of Koh Kong, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Preah Vihear, Oddar Meanchey, and Kratie provinces, as well as representatives of sugar refining companies also attended the meeting.

According to the news release, the participants discussed extensively on the issues of families affected by the land concession re-

lating to sugar plantations and refineries in different provinces.

The meeting is committed to continue to work diligently to solve these issues to the satisfaction of all concerned parties, said the news release, adding that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Mar. 5, 2014 to review the discrepancies in the number of affected families identified by the local authorities with the number of families, which will be provided by the EU ambassador.

The meeting also agreed that a third party may be needed to assist in evalu-

ating the procedures used to compensate the affected families. The term of reference of the third party will be discussed during the next meeting.

H.E. Jean-François Cautain expressed his appreciation for the initiative and the political will of the government in solving the issues of the families affected by the land concession once and for all. He pledged to continue to work with and support the inter-ministerial committee.

Cambodia To Host the CLV Development Triangle Trade Fair 2014

AKP Phnom Penh, February 11, 2014 –

Kratie, a northeastern province of Cambodia, will host the CLV (Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam) Development Triangle Trade Fair 2014 on Mar.1-3, according to an announcement of the Cambodian Ministry of Commerce issued recently.

This event will be organized in the Sports Center of Kratie city to promote trade in the CLV development triangle areas, it said.

It will also give an opportunity to the businessmen in general to meet with one another to discuss and exchange new ideas aimed at promoting export to the international markets, as

well as to contribute to the economic development under the umbrella of the 3rd phased rectangular strategy of the political program of the 5th mandate Royal Government of Cambodia, underlined the announcement.

The CLV Development Triangle Trade Fair 2014 will take place in conjunction with the 9th CLV De-

velopment Triangle Joint Coordination Committee Meeting and its related Meetings scheduled to be held from Feb. 27 to Mar. 4 in Kratie city.

Cambodia-U.S. Bilateral Trade Increases

AKP Phnom Penh, February 11, 2014 –

The bilateral trade between Cambodia and the United States in 2013 was some US\$3.01 billion, up 3.31 percent from US\$2.91 billion the previous year, according to the United States Census Bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

From January to December 2013, Cambodia's total export to the U.S. was amounted to US\$2.77 billion, up about 3 percent

from US\$2.69 billion, whereas the country's total import from the U.S. was valued at US\$241 million, an increase by 6.5 percent from US\$226.3 million over the same period of 2012, the source said.

The U.S. is known as the biggest market of Cambodia, that is, bigger than the European Union.

According to Cambodia's Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia expanded up to nearly US\$16 billion of trade ties with its partners

in 2013.

Last year, Cambodia's total trade with foreign countries was US\$15.9 billion, up 18 percent from US\$13.4 billion in 2012, indicated the ministry, adding that the value of its exports reached US\$6.9 billion (up 26 percent), while the value of its imports was US\$9 billion (up 14 percent).

Cambodia's exports and imports are predicted by the International Monetary Fund to be at \$8 bil-

lion and US\$11.13 billion in value respectively in 2014.

Cambodia exported garment products, agricultural produce, rice, rubber, living animals, processing wood, etc. and imported, in reciprocation, products for garment industry, oil, construction materials, machinery, car spare parts, refreshment, electronic tools, vehicles, and so on.

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