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AKP Phnom Penh, June 15, 2016



His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, greets visiting H.E. Mr. Tran Dai Quang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, during an official reception at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh this morning.

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Cambodia, Lao PMs Hold Official Talks

AKP Phnom Penh, June 27, 2016



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen shakes hands with visiting Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic

Republic H.E. Thongloun Sisoulith, prior to their official talks at the Peace Palace, Phnom Penh this morning.

Cambodia Receives Forum Cowbell for 26th World Economic Forum on ASEAN

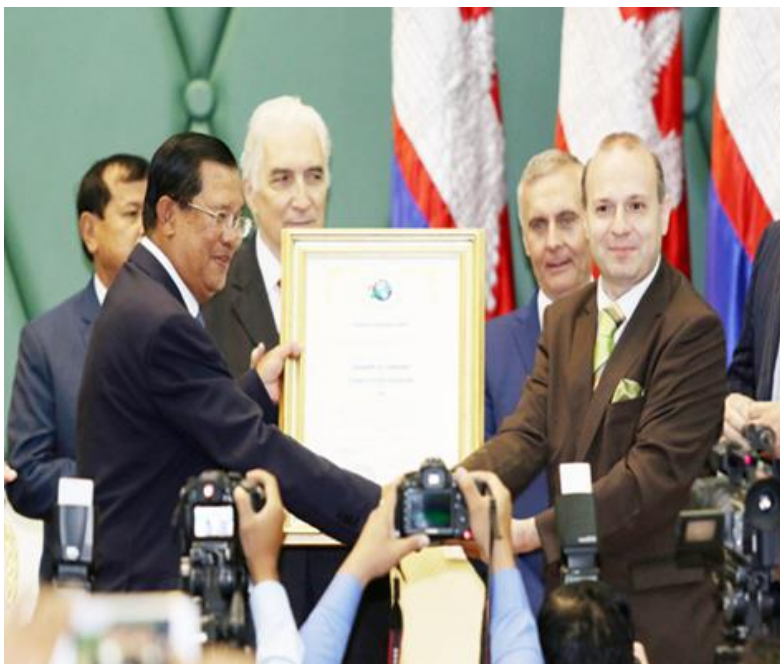
AKP Kuala Lumpur, June 03, 2016



Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen receives the Forum Cowbell as the symbol for Cambodia to be the host of 26th World Economic Forum on ASEAN in 2017, at the official closing ceremony of the 25th World Economic Forum on ASEAN in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on June 2 afternoon.

ECTT Crowns Cambodia as the World Best Tourist Destination for 2016

AKP Phnom Penh, June 22, 2016



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen receives the World Best Tourist Destination for 2016 Award by Professor Dr. Anton Caragea, President of the European Council on Tourism and Trade (ECTT) at the Congratulatory Ceremony on "Cambodia as World Best Tourist Destination for 2016" Award and Official Launching of the First Best Hospitality Contest" at the Peace Palace, Phnom Penh this morning.

Cambodian PM Underlines Employment Relationship between Workers and Employers

AKP Phnom Penh, June 07, 2016

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, this morning called on the workers and employers to maintain the good relations between them.

At the inauguration of the 100th factory at Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone in Preah Sihanouk province, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said this interrelation has to be firmly maintained. The workers have to keep their rice cooker while the employers have to pay attention to their workers' living standard and well-being, he added.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen also took the opportunity to

appeal to the workers to continue supporting him and the Cambodian People's Party in leading the country towards more development and prosperity.

Currently, Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone employed a total of 11,500 workers.

According to the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training's report, there are now 8,197 registered enterprises in Cambodia, employing over 1 million workers. Of the figure, some 1,088 are garment and footwear factories with 710,000 workers.

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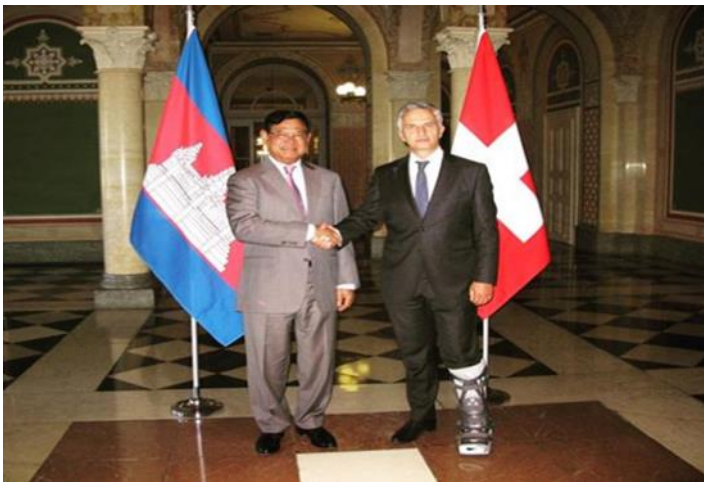
Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng Visits Switzerland

AKP Phnom Penh, June 21, 2016

A high level delegation of the Royal Government of Cambodia led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng left here yes-

pointed out.

Switzerland, through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in collaboration with the European Union, has supported Cambodia's sub-



terday for a six-day official visit (June 20 to 25) to Switzerland.

According to a press release of the Ministry of Interior, the visit is aimed to strengthen the relations and partnership between the two countries in all sectors, especially to boost the cooperation in sub-national democratic development reform, which will help enhance Cambodia's accountability, democracy, capacity building at sub-national level, as well as social security and sustainable development.

The visit will provide in-depth understanding on the implementation of democracy at the grassroots level, and decentralised governance system in Switzerland, it

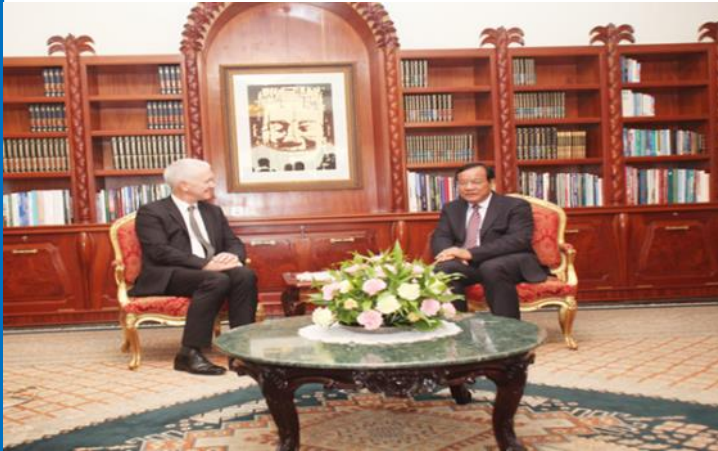
national democratic development efforts, which is a core governance reform of the Royal Government of Cambodia since 2013, it said.

During the visit, it added, Samdech Sar Kheng, also Chairman of the National Committee for Sub-national Democratic Development will meet with representatives from city, provincial and federal levels of Switzerland to discuss the decentralisation, education, fiscal centralization and so on.

Samdech Sar Kheng is scheduled to meet with H.E. Didier Burkhalter, Member of the Federal Council and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.

Cambodian Foreign Minister Receives Swiss Ambassador

AKP Phnom Penh, June 08, 2016



Cambodia's Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation greets H.E. Ivo Sieber, Ambassador of Switzerland to Cambodia, prior to their meeting here this morning.

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Cambodian Top Diplomat To Visit Neighboring Countries

AKP Phnom Penh, June 13, 2016

Cambodia's Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation will visit the neighboring countries from June 19 to 23, 2016, at the invitation of his Lao, Thai and Vietnamese counterparts.

According to a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, H.E. Prak Sokhonn will pay an official visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic from June 16 to 18, at the invitation of H.E. Saleumxay Kommasith, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR, then an introductory visit to the Kingdom of Thailand on June 19-20, at the invitation of H.E. Don Pramudwinai, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and a visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam from June 21 to 23, at the invitation of H.E. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam.

During the official visit to the Lao PDR that will be made in order to further enhance the existing excellent bonds of traditional friendship, good neighborliness, solidarity, and productive cooperation between the two countries, H.E. Prak Sokhonn will pay courtesy calls on H.E. Pany Yathotou, President of the National Assembly; H.E. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister

of Laos; and hold bilateral meeting with H.E. Saleumxay Kommasith, it pointed out.

Besides, it said, H.E. Prak Sokhonn will attend the celebration of 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diplomatic Relations between Cambodia and Laos.

During the introductory visit to Thailand that will be conducted with an aim to further enhance and deepen the long-lasting friendship, good neighborliness, and multifaceted cooperation between the two countries, H.E. Prak Sokhonn will pay a courtesy call on H.E. Gen. Prayuth Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Thailand, and hold bilateral meeting with his Thai counterpart, said the press release.

During the visit in Viet Nam that will further enhance the existing excellent bonds of traditional friendship, good neighborliness, solidarity, and productive cooperation between the two countries, it added, H.E. Prak Sokhonn will pay a courtesy call on H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister and hold bilateral meeting with H.E. Pham Binh Minh.

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Cambodia, Thailand To Promote Connectivity and Bilateral Trade

AKP Phnom Penh, June 22, 2016

Cambodia and Thailand have agreed to boost their road, rail, air and maritime connectivity and bilateral trade, said a press release of the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on the outcome of Senior Minister H.E. Prak Sokhonn's visit to Thailand, issued on June 21.

For roadway connectivity, both sides agreed to push for the opening of Stung Bat international border gate, upgrade four border checkpoints (Anses, Phnom Dei, Thmar Da and Chup Koki) into international border gates, speed up the examination process of O' Neang gate for mine clearance and opening after that of Stung Bat border gate, it pointed out.

Regarding the railway connectivity, the two sides will do their best to launch the rail transport from Bangkok to Phnom Penh at the end of this year, said the press release, adding that for maritime connectivity, they will fuel the Thailand-Cambodia-Viet Nam coast connection project for tourist and goods transport between the three countries.

In addition, both sides agreed to boost the two-way trade at the border so as to reach their countries' target of tripling their bilateral trade up to US\$15 billion by 2020, it said.

According to the press release, the discussions also focused on the fight against crimes along the common border, including illegal logging, human trafficking, and cross-border crimes; Cambodian migrant workers in Thailand; cooperation on sectors of tourism, culture, energy, education, health and agriculture; as well as the creation of a hotline between Cambodian and Thai foreign ministers to solve urgent issues.

H.E. Prak Sokhonn, also Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, paid an introductory visit to Thailand on June 19-20, at the invitation of his Thai counterpart H.E. Don Pramudwinai. During his two-day stay in the country, H.E. Prak Sokhonn paid a courtesy call on H.E. Prayuth Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, and held a bilateral talk with H.E. Don Pramudwinai. Besides, the Cambodian top diplomat met with 140 Cambodian students pursuing their studies at different universities in Thailand.

After Thailand, H.E. Prak Sokhonn and his entourage continued their visit to Viet Nam from June 21 to 23, at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam H.E. Pham Binh Minh.

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Cambodia, Japan Sign Exchange of Notes on Japanese Grand Aid

AKP Phnom Penh, June 09, 2016

Cambodian Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Prak Sokhonn and H.E. Yuji Kumamaru, Japanese Ambassador to Cambodia, signed here yesterday the Exchange of Notes on the US\$2.9 million Grant Aid for the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship.

Addressing to the signing ceremony, H.E. Prak Sokhonn said this Grant Aid reflects not only the Government of Japan's continued support to the Royal Government of Cambodia in improving the capacity of human resources, but also the close and fruitful cooperation between both nations that has

already reached the level of strategic partnership since 2013.

The Cambodian top diplomat highlighted Japan's key contribution to the peace building, reconstruction and development of Cambodia. Japan's assistance has contributed to enhancing various sectors including infrastructure, agriculture, health, education and good governance, he added.

Last year, Japan provided Cambodia with some US\$67.45 million in ODA and US\$146.6 million in loan to support different development projects, underlined H.E. Prak Sokhonn.

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Almost 400,000 Foreign Tourists Visit Phnom Penh in Q1

AKP Phnom Penh, June 06, 2016

During the first three months of 2016, some 372,460 foreign tourists of 170 nationalities arrived in Phnom Penh, via Phnom Penh International Airport, showing an increase by 11.41 percent compared with the same period last year.

According to Phnom Penh Municipal Department of Tourism, of the visitors, some 291,594 came to Phnom Penh for relaxation, 53,632 for business, 9,723 for official or working visit, and 17,511 others are Cambodian people living abroad.

The most visited places in the capital city are Wat Phnom resort, Choeung Ek Killing Field and the Roy-

al Palace. Meanwhile, Phnom Penh received some 57,181 national tourists, up 5.80 percent as compared with the same period of the previous year.

A report of the Ministry of Tourism shows that the number of foreign visitors to Cambodia reached some 1.34 million in the first quarter of this year, up about 2.6 percent.

The Vietnamese remained at the top of foreign tourists to Cambodia, followed by the Chinese, Koreans, Thais, Americans, Laotians and Japanese.

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U.S. Under Secretary of State Catherine Novelli To Visit Cambodia

AKP Phnom Penh, June 07, 2016 –

U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment H.E. Ms. Catherine A. Novelli will visit Cambodia on June 08-10 after a stop in China for the eighth U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue, according to a press release of the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh.

On June 9, H.E. Ms. Novelli will visit the Prey Lang Wildlife Sanctuary to meet with local rangers on forest law enforcement and activities designed to reduce poaching, wildlife trafficking, and illegal logging and to underscore U.S. support to protect wildlife habitats facing deforestation, it pointed out.

The U.S. under secretary of state will also meet with H.E. Sok Chenda Sophea, Chairman of the Council

for the Development of Cambodia, and H.E. Kem Sithan, Acting Minister of Commerce, to discuss a wide range of trade and investment issues, said the press release, adding that she will conclude the evening with a dinner reception with women entrepreneurs.

On June 10, it continued, H.E. Ms. Novelli will participate in a panel discussion to highlight the policies, institutions, and partnerships necessary to build a diverse and creative economy in Cambodia. She will then travel to Siem Reap to visit the U.S.-funded restoration of Phnom Bakheng and other temples within the Angkor Archaeological Park.

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Cambodia Earns US\$28 Million from Angkor Ticket Sales

AKP Phnom Penh, June 17, 2016 –

In the first five months of this year, the revenue from Angkor ticket sales was US\$28 million, up 1.27 percent over the same period last year, according to the figures of the Authority for the Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap (APSARA) quoted by local media.

The number of visitors increased slightly, around 0.25 percent, to some 972,752, said the same source.

Mr. Ho Vandy, Secretary General of Cambodia Association of Travel Agents (CATA), expressed his optimism over the growth of foreign visitors to Cambodia even though it is a low season, if there are no internal political issue, no national and global economic issues.

The Angkor Archeological Park is one of the main tourism attractions in Cambodia beside the coastal areas in the southwestern part and the eco-tourism sites in the northeastern part of the country.

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Cambodia, Timor-Leste Plan to Sign MoU on Labor Sector

AKP Phnom Penh, June 23, 2016

Cambodia and Timor-Leste are planning to sign a cooperation MoU on labor and training sectors, said Cambodian Minister of Labor and Vocational Training H.E. Ith Samheng after his meeting with Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste H.E. Ms. Felicidade de Sousa Guterres, in Phnom Penh on Tuesday afternoon.

If there is enough time, the signing of the MoU will be done during the visit of Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen in Timor-Leste in the near future, added H.E. Minister. There has been no cooperation on labor sector between Cambodia and Timor-Leste so far since the later has just got independence, continued H.E. Ith Samheng, underlining that Cambodia will learn about oil, gas and mine resource management from Timor-Leste whereas Timor-Leste will draw Cambodia's experience in the fields of garment, tourism, and so on.

Cambodia Airports Handle Almost 3 Million Passengers in Five Months

AKP Phnom Penh, June 17, 2016

Cambodia Airports, the developer and operator of Cambodia's international airports, handled almost 3 million passengers and 40,000 flights movements from January to May 2016, an increase of 4.3 percent and 3.1 percent respectively compared to the same period in 2015, according to Cambodia Airports' news release.

Besides, cargo tonnage increased by 18.6 percent to 17,713 tons in that period, it pointed out.

Phnom Penh International Airport received almost 1.4 million passengers from January to May 2016, an increase of 8.9 percent, while Siem Reap International Airport handled in excess of 1.5 million passengers, up 0.6 percent compared to the same period in 2015. The passenger traffic at Sihanouk International Airport increased by 3.3 percent to 40,349 passengers due to the resumption of International charters.

With this amount of passengers, Phnom Penh International Airport handled more than 13,000 domestic and international flight movements, growing 10.2 percent, while Siem Reap handled more than 16,000, falling marginally by 2.3 percent compared to 2015. Flight movements in Sihanouk International Airport grew at 5.8 percent in 5 months of 2016 to 692. Cargo tonnage in Phnom Penh Cargo Terminal grew by 18.8 percent due to more freighter charters from the Asian and Middle-eastern regions, while Siem Reap Airport Cargo Terminal saw 68.8 percent more cargo compared to 2015.

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