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His Majesty the King Leaves for a Visit in France

AKP Phnom Penh, April 30, 2014
His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, left here yesterday evening for a visit in France.

The Cambodian monarch was seen off at Phnom Penh International Airport by National Assem-

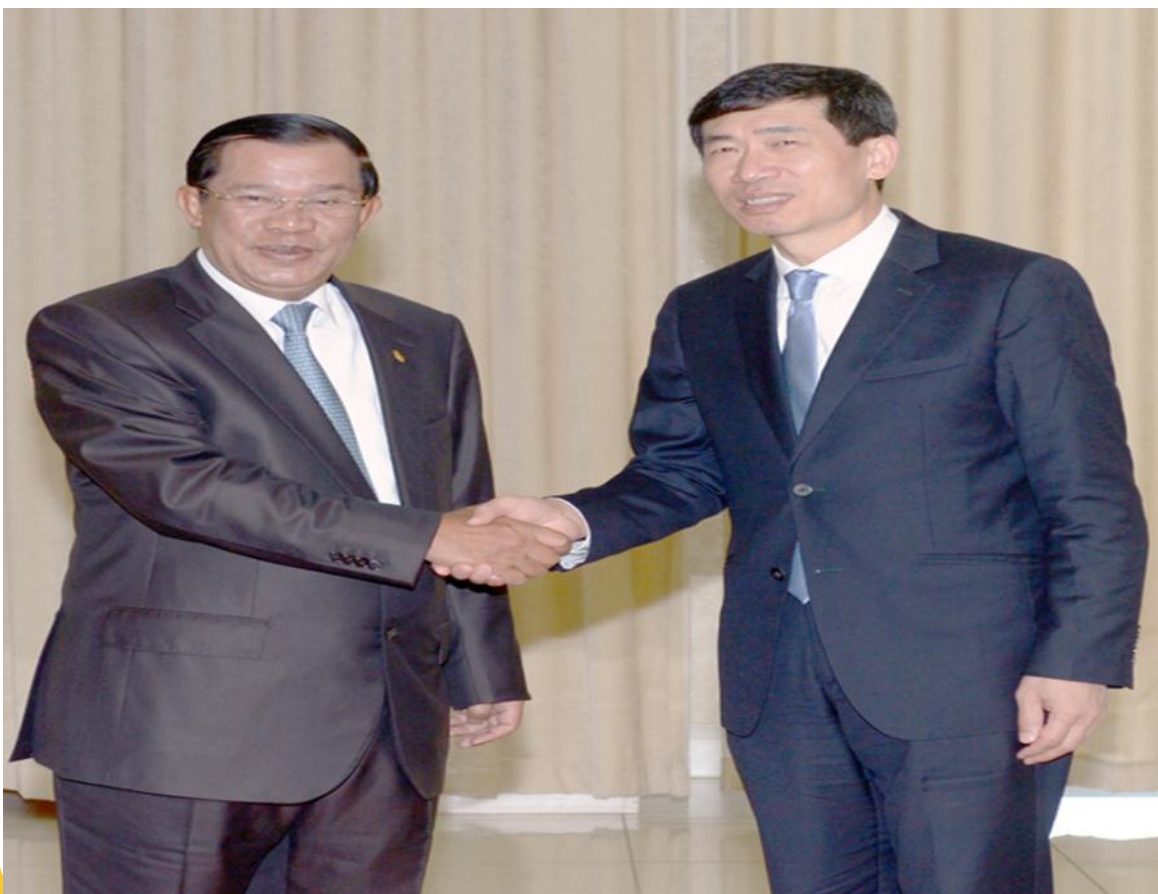
bly President Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Senate First Vice President H.E. Say Chhum, and many other high-ranking officials as well as royal family

members.
According to the King's royal message to his compatriots, during his absence, Samdech Akka Moha Thamma Pothisal Chea Sim, President of the Senate, will act as the Acting Head of State of Cambodia.

Article in English by
Khan Sophirom

PM Hun Sen Meets UN Secretary General's Assistant

AKP Phnom Penh, April 29, 2014





Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen (L) shakes hands with visiting H.E. Haoliang Xu, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), prior to their meeting this morning at Phnom Penh's Peace Palace.

Photo: Chey Phoumipul

Cambodian, Belarusian PMs Presides Over a Business Forum

AKP Minsk, April 25, 2014





Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen (L) and his Belarusian counterpart H.E. Mikhai Myasnikovich preside over a Cambodia-Belarus Business Forum on Apr. 24 in Minsk, during Samdech Techo Hun Sen's three-day (Apr. 23-25) official visit in Belarus.

Photo: TVK

DPM Hor Namhong Meets UN Assistant Secretary-General and UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

AKP Phnom Penh, April 29, 2014





Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong (C), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, held talks with visiting H.E. Haoliang Xu (R), Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and H.E. Ms. Flavia Pansieri (L), United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, in Phnom Penh this afternoon.

Photo: Chim Nary

Cambodia, Azerbaijan To Expand More Cooperation

AKP Phnom Penh, April 22, 2014



Cambodia and Azerbaijan reached yesterday a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Establishment of Bilateral Consultations during the Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen's official visit to Azerbaijan, according to the National Television of Cambodia (TVK).

The MoU was signed by H.E. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers and H.E. Elmar Mammadyrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan under the witness of Samdech Techo Hun Sen and his Azerbaijan counterpart, H.E. Artur Rasi-zade follow-

ing their bilateral meeting.

During the meeting, the two leaders spoke highly of the progress of both countries' relations and cooperation and agreed to boost the bilateral trade exchange whose value is still limited. In addition, they thanked each other for the mutual support in international arena.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen highly appreciated Azerbaijan for its fast development compared to the past 32 years when he first visited Azerbaijan as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the former People's Republic of Kampuchea.

The Cambodian prime minister took the oppor-

tunity to invite H.E. Artur Rasi-zade to pay a visit to Cambodia in an appropriate time and to thank Azerbaijan for providing five scholarships to Cambodian students to pursue their postgraduate studies at the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy for 2014-2016.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen requested the Azerbaijani side to help train Cambodian human resources in the fields of oil and gas because Cambodia will become an oil producer country soon, and to consider investing in Cambodia in rice milling for export.

On the same day, Samdech Techo Hun Sen also paid separate courtesy calls on H.E. Ilham

Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan; and H.E. Oktay Asadov, President of the National Assembly; and visited some historical places in Baku capital city.

The Cambodian high-level delegation led by Samdech Techo Prime Minister arrived on Monday in Azerbaijan for a three-day official visit. After Azerbaijan, the delegation will continue its visit to Belarus, from Apr. 23 to 25.

By Khan Sophirom

Cambodian Cabinet Meeting Approves Three Draft Laws on Judicial System

AKP Phnom Penh, April 18, 2014 – Cambodia's Cabinet Ministers have endorsed three draft laws on judicial system, according to a press release from the Press and Quick Reaction Unit of the Office of the Council of Ministers. The cabinet meeting held here this morning at the Peace Palace under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Samdech Akka

Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen approved the draft law on the organization of the courts, the draft law on the organization and functioning of the Supreme Council of Magistracy, and the draft law on the statute of judges and prosecutors, it pointed out.

The plenary session also agreed to submit the Protocol of Amendment to the International Conven-

tion on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures to the legislative body for ratification, added the press release.

By Khan Sophirom

Cambodian-Thai Border Not To Be Tense

AKP Phnom Penh, April 10, 2014 –

A senior Cambodian army officer has affirmed that the situation along the Cambodian-Thai border in 2014 and henceforth will not be tense and have no fighting as in 2008-2011.

The affirmation was made on Apr. 9 in Banteay Meanchey province by Gen. Meas Sophea,

Army Commander and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF), during the inauguration ceremony of a new military office donated by Vietnam's Dong Thap provincial military, according to local media reports. Anyway, Gen. Meas Sophea also called on soldiers stationed at the

Cambodian-Thai border, particularly at Preah Vihear Temple, Ta Moan Temple and Ta Krabei Temple areas to keep high vigilance, and continue strengthening good cooperation with the Thai side in order to maintain peace, friendship and development along the border areas of the two countries.

By Lim Nary

Cambodia's Poor Families' Identification Program in 2015

AKP Phnom Penh, April 11, 2014 –

Cambodia has planned to conduct the process for the identification of poor families in 2015 for five urban areas in an effort to improve social services and reduce poverty in the country.

The Ministry of Planning in cooperation with GIZ organization of Germany and Australian Aid will carry out the procedure of the program to identify households in need in the urban areas following the identification of the poorest households being completed.

Through the procedure, the teams of the program have to do the fieldwork in the provinces of Siem

Reap, Rattanakiri, Tbaung Khmum and Preah Sihanouk, and Phnom Penh capital city.

In the recent consultative meeting, an official at the Ministry of Planning, said the poor people are not only targeted to individuals living in the rural areas, but also to those who live in the towns and cities as they migrated there to look for job opportunity, adding that the percentage of migrants from the rural areas is 4 percent each year. The identification of the needy households in town areas is very important to enable them to receive equity benefits from the economic development and more effi-

cient social services such as providing medical and financial support, he said.

For political strategy, the royal government has made a great effort to improve social service and reduce poverty in the country, he affirmed. The first secretary of German Embassy in Phnom Penh, who participated in the meeting, said her government would continue providing technical and financial assistance for the identification program in Cambodia.

According to the 2013 figure, the poverty rate in Cambodia dropped remarkably to 19.5 percent, from 53.2 percent in

2004. Cambodia had thus achieved the Millennium Development Goal on poverty reduction ahead of schedule set for 2015, and faster than the goal set by the Royal Government of Cambodia for alleviating the poverty at a rate of at least an annual 1 (one) percent.

Article in English by
Thou Peou

Cambodia, Japan Reach a Deal on Low Carbon Growth Partnership

AKP Phnom Penh, April 18, 2014 –

Cambodia's Ministry of Environment and the Embassy of Japan have reached recently a deal on Low Carbon Growth Partnership.

The deal was signed by H.E. Say Sam Al, Minister of Environment, and H.E. Yuji Kumamaru, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia.

Global warming is the major challenge for all countries around the world, said H.E. Say Sam Al, adding that in this context, Cambodia and Japan have decided to boost for the Low Carbon Growth Partnership so as to achieve the target of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and sustainable development.

Under this deal, Cambodia and Japan will work together to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions in Cambodia through Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) of the Carbon Markets, he pointed out.

H.E. Ambassador of Japan said Cambodia and Japan have already conducted a joint study on projects related to renew-

able energy and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) and from now on, Japan will consider the implementation of the projects under the JCM.

By Chea Vannak

Cambodia, Japan To Increase Bilateral Trade Volume to US\$1 Billion Next

AKP Phnom Penh, April 30, 2014 —

Cambodia's Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce H.E. Sun Chanthol urged the Japanese side to help expand the bilateral trade between the two countries from the current level of some US\$500 million to US\$1 billion by 2015, according to a news release issued recently.

The Cambodian minister made the request during a bilateral meeting here on Sunday with Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry H.E.

Toshimitsu Motegi, who led a group of Japanese business executives and representatives from Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO).

H.E. Sun Chanthol asked the Japanese minister to examine the possibility to create a working group between the Cambodian Ministry of Commerce and the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry to find ways to boost the trade volume

between the two countries to US\$1 billion by 2015.

H.E. Sun Chanthol also informed the Japanese delegation of the reform initiatives being implemented within his ministry.

For his part, H.E. Toshimitsu Motegi pledged to encourage more Japanese small- and medium-sized enterprises to invest in Cambodia and highlighted that a new trauma hospital will be constructed in the second half of this year in

Phnom Penh to improve

health services in Cambodia.

On the same day, the Japanese delegation was also received by H.E. Sok Chenda Sophea, Secretary General of the Council for the Development of Cambodia.

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