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**His Majesty the King Congratulates the CRC on Its Achievements**



His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, congratulated the Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) on its achievements when he presided over the opening ceremony of the 6th CRC General Assembly held yesterday afternoon at Chaktomuk Conference Hall, Phnom Penh. Under the leadership of Samdech Kit- tipritbandit Bun Rany Hun Sen, the CRC has achieved remarkable success in its humanitarian activities, said the Cambodian monarch. His Majesty the King also called on all national and foreign charitable people to continue their support and assistance to the CRC's activities. On the occasion, His Majesty the King and Her Majesty Queen-Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk donated US\$5,000 and US\$10,000 respectively in contribution to the CRC's humanitarian operations.

Earlier on the same day, the CRC held an extraordinary General Assembly in the presence of Samdech Bun Rany Hun Sen, President of CRC, during which two main agendas were adopted for the 6th CRC General Assembly. The first agenda focused the draft amendment to the statute of legal and financial regulations whereas the second stressed on the membership list and the number of candidates standing for 6th CRC Central Committee members and reserved members. The CRC organized every four years its General Assembly to review the progress and challenges in implementing the strategic action plan during the previous mandate. Article in English by Khan Sophirom & So Sophavy

## Cambodia, UN Congratulate the ECCC's Verdict Delivery



Cambodia and the United Nations have in a joint statement welcomed the delivery of the judgment by the Trial Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) in case 002/01 on Aug. 07, 2014.

“The delivery of today’s verdict is a milestone in the work of the ECCC, and a historic moment in international criminal justice. It is also a momentous day for the people of Cambodia. Since the Khmer Rouge regime was overthrown on Jan. 7, 1979, just over 35 years old, the Cambodian people have struggled to rebuild their society,” said the Joint Statement by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Mr. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs of the United Nations, released this afternoon.

The Royal Government of Cambodia and UN Secretary-General have repeatedly

emphasized that there must be no impunity for the most serious international crimes, said the joint press release, adding that the independent judicial process must be permitted to run its course to ensure that those who would perpetrate serious crimes are held accountable.

“We take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to all who have contributed to this process – the judges and prosecutors, lawyers, court officials and staff, both national and international. Moreover, today’s verdict is testament to the long-term commitment, both internationally and nationally, to provide the ECCC with the necessary resources to ensure that justice is done for the people of Cambodia,” it said.

According to the joint statement, today’s verdict is the outcome of a noteworthy judicial process. Almost one hundred individuals have given live evidence in Case 002/01. The ECCC has provided unprecedented victim participation by almost 4,000 civil parties throughout the trial.

They were able to describe their suffering and make claims for reparation.

More than 100,000 people visited the court to see the trial, while millions more followed it through live television, radio broadcasts and the internet. The process will serve as an invaluable historical record for the people of Cambodia and the wider world.

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This year, 86 Cambodian students, most of them from the French-speaking curricula universities, will go to France to complete a university degree in different fields including economy, law, medical studies, engineering and tourism, according to a press release of the French Embassy in Cambodia released this morning.

Among these 86 scholarships, 37 have been awarded by the French Embassy in Cambodia and 12 by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs directly through its "EIFFEL" scholarship program, said the press release, stressing that Cambodian students performed very well for this very competitive program (8th country worldwide in terms of selected students).

Every year, the French Embassy in Cambodia grants scholarships to Cambodian students for Master or Doctoral programs in France, it added.

Besides, the French Embassy also coordinates with the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) and the European Union (Erasmus Mundus program) which also offer scholarships for French-speaking students. This year, 18 additional scholarships have been granted by these two bodies to Cambodian students who will continue studying in France. Finally, 19 students from the University of Health Sciences will complete their medical training in France in 2014.

Before their departure, a cocktail reception for them was offered on Monday, Aug. 4 at the French Institute of Cambodia by Mr. Romain Louvet, Director of the French Institute. The French Ambassador to Cambodia, H.E. Jean-Claude Poimboeuf, H.E. Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, H.E. Mrs. Phoeung Sackona, Minister of Culture and Fine Arts attended the event as well as representatives from Cambodian universities, international organizations like the European Union and UNESCO and officials from the royal government.

To facilitate the integration of the students into their new living and studying environment, the French Institute in Cambodia is organizing on Aug. 14-15 a seminar where practical information and advice will be presented to them. They will also have a chance to hear from French universities Alumni. Different aspects related to the living environment in France will be discussed like transportation, immigration and of course food.

Photo: French Embassy in Cambodia



## Cambodian PM Reaffirms the Need of Peace for Development

AKP Phnom Penh, August 04, 2014 –

Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen has once again stressed the importance of peace for the country's development. Speaking in front of 2,330 graduate students of Western University, Samdech Techo Hun Sen lauded the remarkable progress in the education and training sector, underlining these achievements were made thanks to peace and political stability in the country.

Peace and political stability are the basic factors for school establishment, and human resource training from the primary to higher education level, he added.

Wars in some countries around the world, especially in Israel, Libya, Iraq, and Ukraine are causing widespread human suffering and disasters, and affecting the education sector, said the Cambodian premier.

"Peace, political stability, and social normalization are very necessary of each country's sustainable

development," said Samdech Techo Hun Sen. "No development can be made without peace and human resources."

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## Cambodia-Thailand Skill Development Center for Migrants Proposed

Cambodia proposed the Thai counterpart to jointly establish a skill development center to capacitate Cambodians interested to legally migrate to work in Thailand.

The proposal was made late last week by Labor and Vocational Training Secretary of State H.E. Pich Sophoan in his meeting with Mr. Sandod Themsawanglert, Director of Office of Instructor and Training Technology of Thailand, at the ministry office here in Phnom Penh.

Cambodia, according to H.E. Pich Sophoan, has witnessed successful experience with other countries, especially with the Republic of Korea, in the last three years in equipping Cambodian migrant workers with skills as well as knowledge on

basic language and life style before their departure.

"Sending Cambodians to work overseas should be done either through legal private companies or government-to-government mechanism with proper advance training," said the Cambodian secretary of state, requesting the Thai delegation to encourage the country's employers to further apply the legal process of their employment.

Mr. Sandod Themsawanglert welcomed the proposal from the Cambodian counterpart and will bring this for a discussion with his government.

If agreed, a Cambodia-Thailand Skill Development Center will be established in Banteay Meanchey – Cambodia's border province most

passed by migrants to Thailand. The Royal Government of Cambodia is introducing process to legalize Cambodian migrants repatriated from Thailand since June this year.

By Mom Chan Dara Soleil

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## Phnom Penh Municipality Re-opens the Freedom Park

The Freedom Park was re-opened yesterday by the Phnom Penh Municipality after being closed since the political tension in January, according to an official announcement of the municipality AKP received this morning.

“As the situation of security, safety, and public order has returned to normal, the Phnom Penh authority decided to re-open the Freedom Park from today onwards,” said the announcement dated Aug. 5.

The Phnom Penh Municipality also asked for understanding from the people living around the park for being affected by road blockade or any other disturbances to their businesses and daily lives.

The Phnom Penh Municipality hoped that those who wish to use the Freedom Park to express their opinions will respect the country’s laws and existing regulations and to cooperate with local authorities in order to maintain stability, safety, and social security in accordance with the democracy and the rule of law.

The Freedom Park was closed temporary since January this year, after illegal protests flared up leading to deadly violence and destruction of public and private properties.  
By Khan Sophirom

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## Cambodia’s Petroleum Import Declines Slightly in

Cambodia imported 920,000 tons of petroleum during the first six months of this year, a slight decline over the same period last year, according to the data released recently by the Ministry of Commerce.

The value of imported petroleum was at US\$883 million, a 4 percent decrease from US\$920 million in the first half of 2013, the

data showed.

The country imports petroleum from its neighboring countries including Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, and Malaysia, it pointed out.

By Chea Vannak

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## France Continue to Support Angkor and Coastal Area Preservation



France will continue its supports and cooperation for the development of Cambodia’s tourism sector, particularly the Angkor and coastal area preservation, newly-French Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Jean-Claude Poimboeuf told Cambodian Minister of Tourism H.E. Thong Khon during a meeting here early this week.

France will continue supporting the Ministry of Tourism’s preservation projects as well as assisting Cambodia in elaborating the ecotourism law in order to promote tourism in the north-eastern part of the country, un-

derlined H.E. Jean-Claude Poimboeuf.

For his part, H.E. Thong Khon expressed thanks to France for its continuous support to Cambodia, especially to the development of tourism sector.

In 2013, Cambodia attracted some 130,000 French tourists, up 8.5 percent over the previous year, and during the first six months of this year, over 70,000 French tourists visited the Kingdom, out of the total 2.2 million foreign visitors, or up 12 percent if compared with the same period of 2013.

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## More Tourists visit Preah Sihanouk Province



General view of visitors enjoying at the beach in Preah Sihanoukville, Preah Sihanouk province recently. According to the statistics of the Provincial Tourism Department, in July 2014 alone, there were 64,175 local and foreign tourists visiting the province, up by some 23 percent if compared with the same period last year.



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