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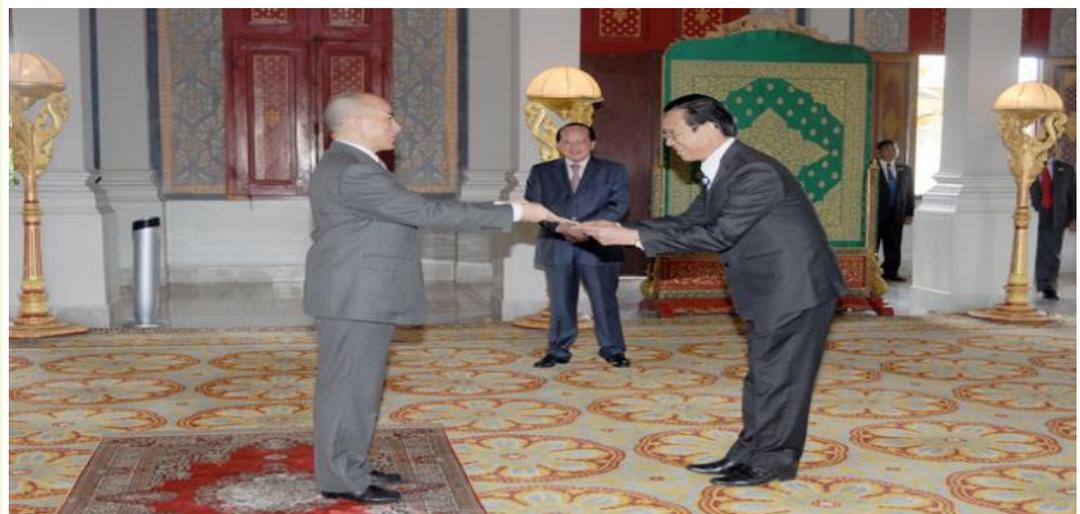
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New Vietnamese Ambassador to Cambodia Presents His Credentials to the King



Newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Cambodia H.E. Thach Du (R, pic.1), presents his credentials to His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh this morning.

PM Hun Sen Presides Over a Dissemination Workshop on National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition 2014-2018



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen presides over at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh this morning a Dissemination Workshop on National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition 2014-2018.

DPM Hor Namhong Receives Newly Appointed Lao Ambassador to Cambodia

Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong (R), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, receives here this morning newly appointed Ambassador of Lao People's Democratic Republic to Cambodia H.E. Prasith Sayasith.

Cambodia Bayon Airlines Launched

A new airline company, Cambodia Bayon Airlines, was launched here yesterday evening under the presidency of Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, President of the National Assembly of Cambodia.

Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers H.E.

Sok An and Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Ms. Bu Jianguo were also present at the launching ceremony.

Cambodia Bayon Airlines, a subsidiary of the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), is the first airline company of China established overseas using the Chinese aircraft, according to AVIC's Chairman Mr. Lin Zuoming.

The airlines will use two Modern

Ark 60 aircraft for regular domestic flights from Phnom Penh capital city to Siem Reap cultural province, and from Siem Reap to the coastal province of Preah Sihanouk, by the end of this year, said Mr. Chen Han Wei, Chief Executive Officer of the Cambodia Bayon Airlines.

Addressing to the event, Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Sok An said the investment of AVIC in Cambodia does reflect foreign investors' confidence in Cambodia's business opportunities.

"I hope more and more foreign tourists, especially the Chinese, will come to visit Cambodia. We have so far welcomed nearly half a million Chinese visitors, but I believed that there will be fast growth in Chinese arrivals in Cambodia," he said. According to H.E. Sok An, Cambo-

dia has in total 27 airline companies operating in the country.

Willowbrook Company Explores Solar Energy Plant Investment in Cambodia

Willowbrook, a U.S.-based company is exploring investment in the 200 MW/250 MW solar energy plant in Cambodia, said a press release of the Ministry of Commerce. The plan was made known here recently in a meeting between H.E. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce, and a delegation of Willowbrook Company led by Mr. Edward J. Sappin, Chief Executive Officer of the company,

added the press release. The company is seeking the approval from the Ministry of Mines and Energy to proceed with the investment of this project, which is estimated to cost around US\$400 million. If approved, the project is scheduled to commence in 2015 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2017, it pointed out. If this project was approved, the company will need some 500 hec-

tares and expected to generate some 394 million kWh per year.

H.E. Sun Chanthol expressed his support to this unique renewable energy investment in Cambodia and pledged to give his endorsement when it is submitted to the Council for the Development of Cambodia for consideration.

PM Hun Sen: No Reports of Ebola Cases in Cambodia

Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen has re-affirmed that no case of Ebola virus disease has been found in Cambodia.

Addressing to a graduation ceremony of Beltei International University held here this morning at the National Institute of Education, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said the Ministry of Health has been paying

close attention to this deadly disease, but no case has been detected in Cambodia so far.

The Ministry of Health has deployed expert medical teams to conduct health checks at international border gates, especially at the international airports, and in case there is a suspected Ebola case, the patient will be sent to well-prepared hospital and diagnosed at the Pas-

teur Institute.

Over 1,350 people in the West African countries, including Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone have died from the Ebola virus disease, which is spread through direct contact with bodily fluids and can cause fever, vomiting, internal bleeding, diarrhea and severe dehydration.

Tourism Minister Supports Tourism Federation Establishment to Help Make Cambodia Green Tourism Target

Cambodian Tourism Minister H.E. Thong Khon has supported the private sector to establish the tourism federation to cooperate with the Royal Government of Cambodia in turning Cambodia into the target of green tourism.

H.E. Thong Khon voiced the support while meeting Monday with the Cambodia Hotel Association in Siem Reap provincial city.

He said the establishment of tourism federation would help manage

the association of tourism industry, the association of tourist guides, tourist transports, the hotels and restaurants to contribute together with the Royal Government of Cambodia to ensuring that Cambodia would become the target of green tourism and reach the first-ranking place most preferred by the tourists.

Siem Reap is now given the second rank as the most-preferred tourist site in the ASEAN.

To become the first rank, he further said, Cambodia needs to achieve three things including the green tourism site, the clean cities, and the good services and all these require the hotels and the tourism operators to take their part in enhancing the quality of their services to reach the standards set by the Ministry of Tourism.

Minister of Education: Cambodia Receives some 700 Scholarships Annually

Cambodia receives annually an average of 700 scholarships from different countries, said Minister of Education, Youth and Sports H.E. Hang Chuon Naron at a gathering with Erasmus Mundus scholarship recipients held here late last week.

This year, the European Union provided 50 scholarships, France over 100, Vietnam 120, China some 100, Thailand 215, Hungary 10, Laos 15, Indonesia 10 to 20, and so on to Cambodian students, he pointed out.

The education minister highly valued the scholarships, which have contributed to human resource training and education development in Cambodia.

In addition to the scholarship opportunities, the EU provides an annual grant of €10 million (or US\$13 million), and Sweden has extended US\$23 million for three years to strengthen the quality of education in Cambodia.

Phnom Penh City's 2020 Public Train Service Plan

By 2020, Phnom Penh city should have had public train service in addition to bus service to meet the challenge of population and vehicle growth in the capital, said an official of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

This comment was made by Mr. Masato Koto, Chief of JICA Study Project for Comprehensive Urban Transport Plan in Phnom Penh, during a meeting on finalizing the master plan in Phnom Penh held here yesterday in the presence of Phnom Penh Municipal Governor H.E. Pa Socheatevong.

Phnom Penh city has cooperated with JICA to design the Urban Transport Master Plan in Phnom Penh to solve traffic congestion problem in the capital city.

Mr. Masato Koto requested for the master plan to be decided as soon as possible at the end of this year to enable its project to be carried out

next year.

In addition, he briefed the public train service project going to the city center, saying that the first line costs US\$759 million, the second values US\$645 million, and the third US\$586 million.

Phnom Penh Municipal Governor H.E. Pa Socheatevong agreed with the master plan, which will provide the benefits to the citizens and reduce the traffic jams in the city, but asking for being discussed in detail with Cambodian expertise officials before being submitted to the cabinet ministers for approval in November.

In the near future, there is the opening of two construction sites of sky bridges in the city, he underlined.

Cambodia Rejects Rumor on Foreign Refugees

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFA-IC) has rejected a rumor disseminated by foreign media and social media saying that Cambodia planned to sign a deal to receive some 1,000 foreign refugees from Australia.

"I haven't received any information about this issue. It is a rumor, there is no official information. This case is just under study," H.E. Koy Kuong, Undersecretary of State and Spokesperson for MFA-IC, told reporters on Tuesday.

The Australian government's request to Cambodia to receive for-

foreign refugees from Australia was made by Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Ms. Julie Isabel Bishop while she paid a courtesy call on Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, during her visit to the Kingdom in February.

Cambodia, Indonesia To Expand Trade Ties

Newly appointed Indonesian Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Pitomo Purnomo expressed his intention to expand bilateral trade between Cambodia and Indonesia while marking the 69th Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia in Cambodia recently.

H.E. Pitomo Purnomo told reporters that the bilateral trade between Cambodia and Indonesia was about US\$300 million per year, and more Indonesian investors have come to

invest in Cambodia such as Grand Phnom Penh Co., Ltd.

“Indonesia and Cambodia have had good relations for a long time while relations between the two governments and peoples have gradually been strengthened,” said the Indonesian diplomat.

On the occasion, H.E. Pitomo Purnomo showed his regret for postponing the direct flight from Indonesia to Cambodia, saying that businessmen always need time to

study about market before making decision because everything is based on demands and supplies. Concerning rice export from Cambodia to Indonesia, H.E. Pitomo Purnomo said an agreement had already signed, but the export had not been made yet since price discussion needs to be done to smooth the agreement.

Korea's Financial Assistance Increases up to US\$82 Million in 2014

During the last five years, the volume of the Republic of Korea (RoK)'s financing provided to Cambodia has saw a remarkable increase, according to a report of the first political consultative meeting on development cooperation between the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and the Government of RoK held recently in Phnom Penh.

RoK has extended US\$54 million in financing to Cambodia in 2013, up from only US\$16 million in 2009, and the amount would rise to US\$82 million this year, the report pointed out.

The main aim of the consultative meeting was to further expand the partnership in development cooperation between the two countries, to increase the awareness on policies and procedures in providing and managing cooperation financing, and to jointly examine the progress

in carrying out projects and programs in the cooperation financing framework, it said.

The Cambodian side was led by Permanent Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Keat Chhon, and the Korean side was headed by Ms. Oh Youngju, Director-General for Development Cooperation Bureau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

By 2013, the Government of RoK has provided a total financing of about US\$516 million to Cambodia, of which some US\$111 million in grant and around US\$405 million in concessional loan.

In June 2014, both sides signed a grant agreement worth US\$21 million to continue implementing the partnership strategy 2012-2015 to support four sectors, including transportation, agriculture and rural development, health, and education, which are the prioritized domains of the RGC as stated in the

Rectangular Strategy, Phase III. H.E. Keat Chhon, on behalf of the RGC, thanked the Korean government and people for having always supported and been a good partner of Cambodia, and reconfirmed the RGC's commitment to continue using Korea's financing as well as that of other development partners with transparency and accountability for Cambodia's development.

Cambodia To Request for Sambo Prey Kuh Temple's Listing as World Heritage Site in Late 2014



Cambodia has been preparing to register Sambo Prey Kuh Temple into the UNESCO's World Heritage List by the end of this year, said Minister of Culture and Fine Arts H.E. Ms. Phoeung Sackona. Speaking at a national workshop held here on Tuesday, H.E. Ms. Phoeung Sackona said the document preparation for the temple's registration had been achieved from 70 to 80 percent, and it will finish in late this year. "Once the document preparation

fully finished, we will submit our request to inscribe Sambo Prey Kuh Temple on the World Heritage List to UNESCO's headquarters in Paris at the end of 2014," she underlined. Sambo Prey Kuh is an ancient temple located in Kampong Thom, the central province of Cambodia. It was a former capital city of Cambodia before the Angkor era. Four Cambodian heritages have been so far registered on the World Heritage List. The Historic

Site of Angkor was inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 1992, while Preah Reach Troap Dance (Royal Ballet) and Lakhon Sbek Thom (big shadow puppet) were proclaimed masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity respectively in 2003 and 2005, and the 11th-century Preah Vihear Temple was listed in 2008.

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