



ស្ថានឯកអគ្គរាជទូតកម្ពុជា
Royal Embassy of Cambodia
to Switzerland



ព្រឹត្តិប័ត្រព័ត៌មាន

Year: 7 No. 74

Issue: 22-29 August 2014

CONTENT:

- **King Norodom Sihamoni and Queen-Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk Depart for China**
PAGE 1
- **PM Hun Sen Meets Deputy Head of Japanese House of Councilors**
- **DPM Hor Namhong Meets Argentine Deputy State Secretary for Foreign Ministry**
PAGE 2 & PAGE 3
- **Justice Ministry's Senior Official Receives Representative of OHCHR Cambodia**
- **Japan To Build More Human Resources in Cambodia**
PAGE 3
- **USAID Helps 81,000 Cambodian Youth**
PAGE 4
- **Malaysian Tourists Visit Cambodia with 30 Pick-Up Cars**
PAGE 5

****.....****

King Norodom Sihamoni and Queen-Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk Depart for China



His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, and Her Majesty Queen-Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk, bid farewell to Cambodian top leaders and royal family members at Phnom Penh International Airport this morning, prior to their departure for a routine medical checkup in China and a visit to a province there.

PM Hun Sen Meets Deputy Head of Japanese House of Councilors



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen (L, pic.1) shakes hands with visiting Deputy Head of Japanese House of Councilors H.E. Azuma Koshiishi, prior to their meeting on Friday afternoon at the Peace Palace, Phnom Penh.

DPM Hor Namhong Meets Argentine Deputy State Secretary for Foreign Ministry



To be continued in page 3



Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong (R) receives this morning in Phnom Penh visiting H.E. Ms. Carolina Perez Colman, Argentina's Deputy State Secretary for Foreign Ministry.

Justice Ministry's Senior Official Receives Representative of OHCHR

Cambodia's Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice H.E. Hy Sophea received here late last week Ms. Wan-Hea Lee, Representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Cambodia.

During the meeting, Ms. Wan-Hea

Lee sought cooperation with the Ministry of Justice in terms of legal and judicial reform and human rights respect in Cambodia, H.E. Chin Malin, Undersecretary of State for Justice told reporters upon the meeting.

In reply, H.E. Hy Sophea said the

Ministry of Justice welcomed the OHCHR's request, affirming that the legal and judicial system in Cambodia has seen much improvement as the reform was conducted transparently with fruitful results.

Japan To Build More Human Resources in Cambodia

As the political crisis of Cambodia is over, Japan counterpart expressed its willingness to develop more human resources of the country.

The intention was made by Deputy Head of Japanese House of Councilors H.E. Azuma Koshiishi in his meeting with the First Vice President of Cambodia's Senate H.E. Say Chhum here in Phnom Penh late last week.

H.E. Azuma Koshiishi congratulated Cambodia on its new political move and shared Japan's commitment to increase scholarship for Cambodians

to study in Japan and to continue bringing in more Japanese investments to the country.

H.E. Say Chhum expressed his thanks to the Japanese counterpart for all its support to further develop Cambodia, especially for the willingness to build more human resources for the country.

The Cambodian senate first vice president also encouraged Japan to consider sharpen skills and enable exchange visits for members of senate in order to further enhance mutual cooperation.

During his visit in Cambodia, H.E. Azuma Koshiishi was received by National Assembly President Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin and Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen. He also held talks with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong and many other senior government officials, as well as leaders of the main opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP).

USAID Helps 81,000 Cambodian Youth

Over 81,000 Cambodian youth have benefited from the five-year Improved Basic Education in Cambodia (IBEC) project supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

This was made known in a close-out workshop held on Aug. 25-26 in Kampong Cham province under the presidency of Minister of Education, Youth, Sports H.E. Hang Chuon Naron and USAID/Cambodia Mis-

sion Director Ms. Rebecca Black.

Under the IBEC program, more than 81,000 Cambodian primary and secondary students received better quality and access to basic education through school improvement grants; development and testing of curricula; and training for teachers, non-governmental organization staff members and government officials.



According to a press release of the U.S. Embassy issued on Tuesday, the IBEC program also provided scholarships to 7,500 primary school students and 2,245 secondary school students to ensure that they stayed in school. The Seventh grade completion rates for students in the program was 85 percent, versus the national rate of 47 percent.

IBEC staff worked with school officials to install 26 computer labs to give thousands of students access to information and communication technology. The project team also developed and helped implement 28 life skill modules in secondary schools that were endorsed and then adopted by the Royal Government of Cambodia in support of its 2014-2018 Education Strategic

Plan.

“USAID supports the current education reforms and hopes that the innovations in the schools supported through our project can serve as models for the country,” said Ms. Rebecca Black.

Since 1992, USAID has invested approximately US\$1 billion towards Cambodia’s development.

Malaysian Tourists Visit Cambodia with 30 Pick-Up Cars

A total of 106 Malaysian passengers and drivers with 30 pick-up cars traveled across Cambodian-Thai international border gate yesterday for a four-day visit in seven Cambodian provinces and municipality, said Mr. Ho Vandy, Co-Chair of the Government-Private Sector Working Group on Tourism.

“They drove across Poipet international border checkpoint (Banteay Meanchey province) on Aug. 25 towards Siem Reap,

Kampong Thom, Phnom Penh, Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang, and they will return to Poipet on Aug. 28,” he pointed out.

This is part of the tourism cooperation between Cambodian and Malaysian private sectors to promote Cambodia, the Kingdom of Wonder, and to increase the mutual understanding between the Cambodian and Malaysian peoples, he added.

According to data of the Ministry

of Tourism, Cambodia received some 2.2 million foreign visitors in the first semester of this year. The Malaysian tourists have not been ranked in the top ten foreign arrivals to Cambodia yet.

The largest number of tourists to Cambodia are from Vietnam, China, South Korea, Laos, Japan, Thailand, the U.S., France, Russia, and the United Kingdom.



Published in August, 8-14 2014 by:
Royal Embassy of Cambodia to Switzerland

Address: 3, Chemin Taverney,
P.O. Box 213
1218 Grand-Saconnex, Geneva,
Switzerland.



Tel.: (+41)22 788 77 73
Fax: (+41)22 788 77 74
Email: camemb.gva@mfa.gov.kh
Website: www.cambodiaembassy.ch