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AKP Phnom Penh, July 05, 2016



His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, and Her Majesty the Queen-Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk left here this morning for a routine medical checkup in China.

His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen-Mother undergo a regular medical checkup in China every six months.

Senate Holds 9th Session of Third Legislature



Acting President H.E. Nay Pena (L, pic. 1).

Cambodia's Senate holds 9th session of third legislature this morning under the chairmanship of its

Cambodian NA President Departs for Official Visit in China

AKP Phnom Penh, July 25, 2016



Cambodia's National Assembly President Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin (R, pic. 1) shakes hands with H.E. Nguon Nhel (L, pic. 1), NA Second Vice President, at Phnom Penh International Airport this morning, prior to his departure for a five-day official and friendly visit to the People's Republic of China.

Cambodian PM Attends Opening Ceremony of 11th ASEM Summit

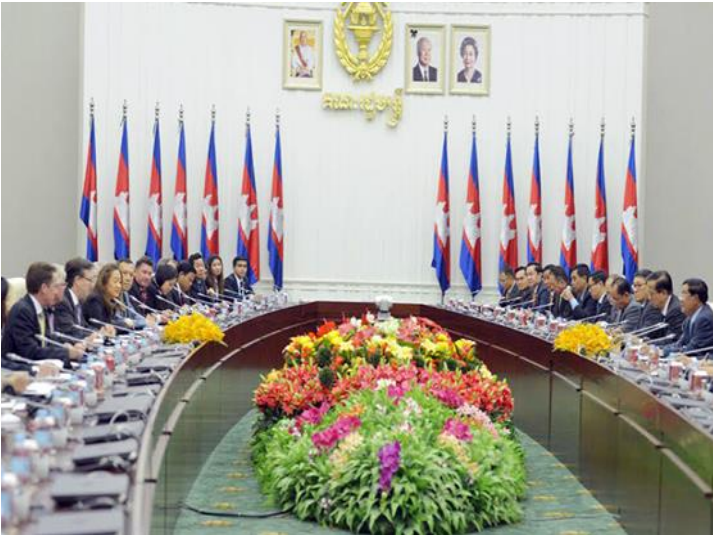
AKP Phnom Penh, July 14, 2016 –



According to a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the 11th ASEM Summit, to be held in Ulaanbaatar on July 15-16 under the theme "20 years of ASEM: Partnership for the Future through Connectivity", is expected to discuss many important issues, namely: assessment of ASEM's past 20 years' experience, building hard and soft connectivity between Asia and Europe, future generation of ASEM, climate change, sustainable development and multilateral trading system, disaster risk reduction and management, energy security, food security, water management, regional and international issues.

Cambodian PM Receives U.S.-ASEAN Business Council Delegation

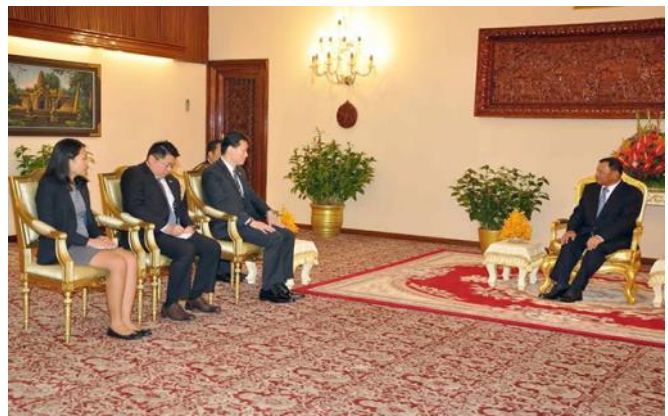
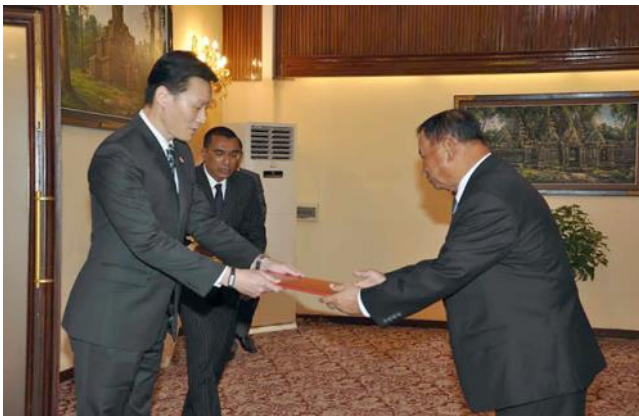
AKP Phnom Penh, July 26, 2016 –



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen (R, pic. 1) receives a visiting delegation of U.S.-ASEAN Business Council led by Mr. William G. Lafferrandre, Representative of ConocoPhillips Company, at the Peace Palace, Phnom Penh, in the afternoon of July 25.

New Ambassador of Singapore Presents Letter of Credence to Cambodian Acting Head of State

AKP Phnom Penh, July 20, 2016 –



Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei Say Chhum, Acting Head of State of Cambodia, received here this morning the letter of credence from newly appointed Ambassador of Singapore to Cambodia H.E. Michael Tan Keng Siong, at the Senate Palace, Phnom Penh.

On the occasion, Samdech Say Chhum requested the new Singaporean ambassador to convince more Singaporean investors and tourists to do business and visit Cambodia. He also expressed his profound thanks to the Government of Singapore for its support to Cambodia, mainly in human resource development. For his part, H.E. Michael Tan Keng Siong pledged to encourage more Singaporean investors and tourists to Cambodia, and to further contribute to Cambodian human resource training. The meeting also touched upon the planned visits by Singaporean foreign minister and president to Cambodia in late 2016 and early 2017, respectively to strengthen and expand the ties of friendship and cooperation between the two ASEAN countries.

Cambodian Foreign Minister to Attend ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Laos

AKP Phnom Penh, July 19, 2016



H.E. Prak Sokhonn and his ASEAN counterparts will attend the 49th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (49th AMM); Meeting of the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission; ASEAN Foreign Ministers Interface with the Representatives of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR); Post Ministerial Conferences (PMC); 17th ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers' Meeting (17th APT FMM); 6th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting (6th EAS FMM); and 23rd ASEAN Regional Forum (23rd ARF).

Cambodia, Switzerland Hold 2nd Bilateral Consultations

AKP Phnom Penh, July 20, 2016

Cambodian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Ouch Borith said the Government of Switzerland will not interfere in the internal issue of Cambodia.

H.E. Ouch Borith told reporters after the 2nd Cambodia-Switzerland Bilateral Consultations held here this morning that the Swiss delegation led by H.E. Johannes Matyassy, Assistant State Secretary for Asia-Pacific, confirmed clearly that the current problem in Cambodia is the country's internal issue, therefore the Government and people of Switzerland will not interfere in it, but welcomed the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC)'s efforts in enhancing democracy.

The RGC is strongly committed to develop the country based on democracy and human rights respect and to strengthen the rule of law and law enforcement, underlined H.E. Ouch Borith.



IMF: Cambodia's Economic Growth Projected to Remain Robust around 7% for 2016–17

The Cambodian economic growth will remain strong this year and next year, said a report of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) team who completed their 2016 Article IV Mission to Cambodia from July 6 to 20.

“Cambodia is a fast-growing, highly open economy, and just attained lower-middle-income status. In 2015, economic activity remained strong, while inflation rose moderately. Growth is projected to remain robust around 7 percent for 2016–17, supported by strong garments exports, real estate and construction activity as well as the reduction in oil prices,” it underlined.

According to the report issued yesterday, over the medium term, growth is projected to slow to around 6¼ percent (by 2021) due to a gradual reduction in FDI, challenges in export diversification, and a moderation in the credit cycle. Inflation is projected to rise to 3.2 percent by end-2016 due to a pickup in food prices. The current account deficit (CAD) is projected to narrow in 2016 to 9.7 percent of GDP, from 10.7 percent in 2015, due to robust garments exports and reduced imports following the completion of major hydro projects. FDI and official sector flows are expected to continue financing most of the CAD over the medium-term.

Cambodia Highlights Nuclear Threat Free and Human Rights in ASEAN Meetings

AKP Phnom Penh, July 26, 2016 –

Cambodia has made key highlights on nuclear threat free and human rights in the region during the recent 49th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and relevant meetings taking place on July 23-26 in Vientiane of Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Represented by H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Cambodia called for a strong commitment by nuclear powers to ensure threat free for nations without the weapon.

“The main downside risk to the outlook arises from rapid credit growth, increasingly concentrated in real estate, which threatens to undermine economic and financial stability. External risks include a significant slowdown in China, an appreciating U.S. dollar, weaker growth in Europe and increased uncertainty from the Brexit referendum result, and a sharper-than-anticipated tightening in global financial conditions,” added the same source.

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According to the release by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, France, Russia, United Kingdom, and the United States of America conditionally accepted the nuclear free ASEAN protocol, while China agreed without any condition.

The protocol cannot be fully achieved without the support from the world's nuclear powers mentioned. H.E. Prak Sokhonn welcomed the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and encouraged more attention about welfare of migrant workers. In addition to the said meetings, H.E. Prak Sokhonn also held bilateral conversation with some counterparts in ASEAN, including Brunei, Laos and Vietnam. By Mom Chan Dara Soleil

EU To Provide 2.9 Million Euro for ECCC

AKP Phnom Penh, July 20, 2016 –

The European Union (EU) has decided to provide 1.4 million Euro for the national component and 1.5 million Euro for the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC).

This financial support was made known here on Monday by H.E. George Edgar, EU Ambassador to Cambodia, during his courtesy visit to H.E. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers (OCM), Mr. Ek Tha, Deputy Director of the OCM's Press Department told reporters.

In the meeting, H.E. Sok An briefed the EU diplomat on the outcome of the ECCC's process as well as the financial shortage faced by the national component. He also sought the EU's continued support to ECCC so that the court can run smoothly.

In reply, H.E. George Edgar accepted the request, promising to forward it to the EU's headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

In 2016, foreign donors pledged to support the ECCC with a total of US\$32.3 million (US\$6.6 million for the national component and US\$25.7 million for the international component), and US\$26.5 million (US\$6.4 million for the national component and US\$20.1 million for the international component) in 2017.

By Khan Sophirom

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