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His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen-Mother Granted Royal Audience to Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn

AKP Phnom Penh, February 23, 2016



His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia and Her Majesty the Queen-Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk of Cambodia, greeted visiting Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand, prior to a royal audience held at the Royal Palace, Phnom Penh, this morning.

Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Pays Courtesy Call on Cambodian PM Hun Sen

AKP Phnom Penh, February 22, 2016



Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn posed for a photo session with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen prior to the courtesy meeting at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh this morning.

Cambodian PM Presides Over the Opening of ASEAN Youth Forum 2016



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen) addresses the participants while he was presiding over the opening ceremony of the ASEAN Youth Forum 2016, held in Phnom Penh this morning under the theme "Peace, Democracy, and Regional Partnership toward Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

Cambodian PM Returns Home from Special ASEAN-U.S. Summit in California

AKP Phnom Penh, February 19, 2016 –

The high-level Cambodian delegation led by Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen arrived home yesterday night after attending the Special ASEAN-U.S. Summit held in Sunnylands, Rancho Mirage, California, the U.S., on Feb. 15-16.



The delegation was welcomed at Phnom Penh International Airport by Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, and many other high-ranking government officials. In the summit, both the ASEAN and U.S. leaders exchanged views in a close and understanding manner on key issues in order to boost the regional prosperity through the promotion of innovation, entrepreneurship, small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) development, trade and investment, people-to-people connectivity, especially among the youth, and through the strengthening of friendship and strategic cooperation between the two big regions, said the Cambodian premier in a Facebook post.

ASEAN and the U.S. were committed to protect peace and security, and boost prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region by ensuring maritime security, combating terrorism, preventing human trafficking, and cooperating in climate change issue, etc., Samdech Techo Hun Sen added. During his stay in California, the Cambodian premier also held a get-together with some 500 Cambodian-Americans living across the U.S., during which he called on the Cambodian-Americans to tighten their friendship and solidarity and to continue to contribute with the Royal Government of Cambodia in the country development.

Cambodian Top Diplomat Receives New Swiss Ambassador

AKP Phnom Penh, February 09, 2016



Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong received here yesterday newly appointed Ambassador of Switzerland to Cambodia H.E. Ivo Sieber. According to a news release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, both sides exchanged views on the strengthening and expansion of bilateral cooperation between the two nations and between Switzerland and ASEAN. H.E. Ivo Sieber informed H.E. Hor Namhong of the Swiss government's intention to sign the Cambodia-Switzerland Cooperation Framework Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding on Political Consultations between the two foreign ministries.

The Swiss diplomat also mentioned about the "Water and Peace" project initiated by the Swiss government and he wished to have a good cooperation between the two countries in the Mekong framework. In addition, he sought Cambodia's support to Switzerland to be part of the ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner. In reply, H.E. Hor Namhong welcomed the intention, stressing that water is a

key issue in Cambodia as Tonle Sap (Great Lake) is the life of the Cambodian people.

The Cambodian top diplomat raised the importance of human resource training for the development of Cambodia, thus requesting the Swiss side to provide scholarships to Cambodian students. Moreover, both sides discussed the cooperation in the health sector, especially the work sustainability of Kantha Bopha Children's Hospitals.

Cambodian Foreign Minister Attends ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Vientiane

AKP Vientiane, February 29, 2016



Cambodia's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong (C, sitting, pic.1) attends the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat held in Vientiane, Laos, on Feb. 27.

EU Plans to Disburse 59 Million Euros to Support Cambodia's Development Agen-

AKP Phnom Penh, February 20, 2016 –

The European Union is planning to extend some 59 million euros to support Cambodia's efforts to eradicate poverty and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in 2016, said the EU Delegation to Cambodia's press kit dated Feb. 19.

The EU provides funds to Cambodia through two main channels: bilateral cooperation supporting the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and thematic programmes supporting civil society organisations and local authorities, it said, adding that there are also regional cooperation projects covering several neighbouring countries.

According to the press kit, the bilateral cooperation is designed to support the implementation of the RGC's key national development policies. The EU has allocated 410 million euros under its bilateral cooperation programme with Cambodia for the period 2014-2020. In particular, these funds will help the Government to strengthen agriculture and the management of natural resources, provide better quality education and implement governance and administration re-

forms such as public financial management (PFM), decentralisation, and electoral reform.

The thematic programmes, which support directly civil society and non-State actors, cover a great variety of areas, such as capacity building for civil society, human rights, local governance, environment and climate change and gender. The EU provides co-financing to civil society organisations, awarded through competitive calls for proposals procedure.

With these funds, the EU is currently is funding 54 projects, for a total of more than 49 million euros, throughout 23 provinces of Cambodia.

"To ensure the EU funds are used effectively and transparently, regular and detailed monitoring and evaluation of all EU-funded projects is carried out by the EU Delegation, by monitoring missions from EU Headquarters and by independent audit firms," said Mr. Alain Vandersmissen, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the EU Delegation to Cambodia, told a press conference on Friday

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Kampot Pepper Successfully Registered as GI in EU

AKP Phnom Penh, February 23, 2016 –

Kampot Pepper has been successfully registered as a Cambodia's geographical indication, affirmed the Ministry of Commerce.

The EU Official Journal has confirmed this registration recently, said the ministry in a news release.

"Mrech Kampot/Kampot Pepper is also proudly the first GI product in ASEAN to receive protection," it underlined.

A geographical indication (GI) is a sign that identifies a product as originating from a particular location

which gives that product a special quality or reputation or other characteristic. Well-known examples of other GIs include Bordeaux (wine) and Darjeeling (tea).

This GI designation legally protects Kampot pepper from other non-Kampot grown pepper claiming to be Kampot Pepper, and as such also protects and potentially increases the value of Kampot pepper within the global market, said the ministry.

This year, Kampot pepper's yield is expected to reach about 70 tons.

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