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His Majesty the King Nominates New Cambodian Ambassadors to More Than Ten Countries



AKP Phnom Penh, January 28, 2016 – His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, has recently appointed five new Cambodian ambassadors to more than ten countries.

According to five separate royal decrees AKP received yesterday, H.E. Tan Bun Pa, Inspector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFA-IC), was appointed new Ambassador to Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Sultanate of Oman with residence in Kuwait, while H.E. Sman Manan, the outgoing Ambassador to the above-said countries, was nominated Ambassador to Arab Republic of Egypt.

H.E. Ms. Roth Many, Director of MFA-IC's Department of Mekong Cooperation, became the new Ambassador to Malaysia; H.E. Chem Widhya, Undersecretary of State at MFA-IC, was appointed as Ambassador to France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Andorra, Malta, and Cyprus with residence in Paris; and H.E. Measketh David, as Deputy Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Cambodia to UNESCO in Paris with the rank of ambassador.

PM Hun Sen Receives U.S. Secretary of State H.E. John Kerry

AKP Phnom Penh, January 26, 2016



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen (R, pic.1) greets visiting U.S. Secretary of State H.E. John Kerry, prior to their meeting at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh this morning.

PM Hun Sen Recalls the History of Peace Negotiations for Cambodia

AKP Phnom Penh, January 20, 2016

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, has recalled some key historical events regarding the peace negotiations for Cambodia.

“Jan. 20, 1988-Jan. 20, 2016 is the 28th anniversary of the second phase of peace negotiations for Cambodia between the former King of Cambodia, His Majesty the late King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk, and me in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, after the first phase on Dec. 2, 1987 in Fère-en-Tardenois, France,” said the Cambodian premier in a Facebook post this morning.



According to Samdech Techo Hun Sen, the whole-day negotiation on Jan. 20, 1988 focused on the general aspect to find an internal resolution between Khmer and Khmer in order to completely end the civil war.

“Even though at that time, the People’s Republic of Kampuchea controlled more than 90 percent of territory and people, I was committed to find peace for Cambodia and to accept the return of people from the Cambodian-Thai border refugee camps,” he said. “I decided to end the war between the Khmers even if the then negotiations faced difficulties and took much time, anyway it was better than fighting. I made a decision that brought about benefits and win-win solution to Cambodia until now.”

Samdech Techo Hun Sen underlined that happiness and living condition of the Cambodian people 28 years ago and now show clearly that peace have brought opportunities to the people and royal government to reconstruct and develop the country. “I would like to thank all the compatriots who have contributed to defending peace in our country until today,” said the premier.

DPM Hor Namhong Meets U.S. Secretary of State

AKP Phnom Penh, January 26, 2016



Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong (R) shakes hands with visiting U.S.

Secretary of State H.E. John Kerry prior to their talks in Phnom Penh this morning.

Cambodian Foreign Minister Receives Senior Official of Turkey

AKP Phnom Penh, January 22, 2016 –

Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong received here yesterday visiting H.E. Ms. Ayse Sinirlioglu, Turkey's G20 Sherpa Ambassador.

In the meeting, H.E. Ms. Ayse Sinirlioglu recalled the Turkish President H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan's and Foreign Minister H.E. Mevlut Cavusoglu's invitation to Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, and Foreign Minister H.E. Hor Namhong to pay a visit in Turkey this year which will open a new chapter for the strengthening and expansion of the ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, according to a news release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

H.E. Ms. Ayse Sinirlioglu took the opportunity to invite a high representative of Cambodia to attend the World Humanitarian

Summit 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey, on May 23-24, and the Mid-term Review of Istanbul Programme of Action at Antalya, Turkey, from May 27 to 29, 2016.

Both sides also exchanged views on bilateral economic and trade cooperation, particularly the two countries' commitment to boost the two-way trade to US\$500 million by 2020, and on the exchange of visit between the two chambers of commerce, the establishment of direct flight between both countries, the organization of Cambodian tourism expo in Turkey, and so on.

The Cambodian top diplomat asked the Turkish side to consider importing Cambodian milled rice and thanked the Turkish government for having provided scholarships to nine Cambodian young diplomats.

Cambodian and Hungarian Top Diplomats Hold Bilateral Talks



Hungary will open its commercial representative office in Cambodia in the future in order to boost the cooperation between the two countries in the fields of trade, economy, and

investment, H.E. Hor Namhong told reporters after the closed-door meeting.

The Cambodian top diplomat went on to say that in the meeting, he encouraged the Hungarian side to further import more Cambodian garments, footwear and rice.

During his two-day visit in Cambodia on Jan 13-14, H.E. Péter Sziijártó will pay a courtesy call on Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and have a meeting with H.E. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce.

Besides, the Hungarian Foreign and Trade Minister visited the Mekong Trading Hungarian-Cambodian Trading House.

AKP Phnom Penh, January 14, 2016

Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong held bilateral talks here this morning with visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary H.E. Péter Sziijártó.

Foreign Ministry Hosts Reception to Mark Establishment of ASEAN

AKP Phnom Penh, January 12, 2016 –

Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong hosted here on Saturday a reception to mark the establishment of the ASEAN Community and to welcome the New Year 2016.

On the occasion, H.E. Hor Namhong said this New Year 2016 will further enhance the friendship and cooperation between Cambodia and other respective countries.

"This year 2016 is a historical milestone year for ASEAN with the commencement of 'ASEAN Community' since Jan. 1, 2016," he said.

The establishment of the ASEAN Community is the culmination of nearly five decades of collective endeavour, a long way to achieve today ASEAN Community, continued H.E. Hor Namhong, stressing that with 622 million people seeking to build "One Vision, One Identity, One Community", ASEAN aspires to establish a Community where people continue to participate in and fully benefit from.

Recognized worldwide as one of the most successful and resilient regional organisation with 10 Member States bound together for peace, security, stability and prosperity in Southeast Asia, the ASEAN Community will be a rules-based and outward-looking organization, he added.

"On the way forward, ASEAN Community will follow the path of its Vision 2025 also adopted by our leaders in Kuala Lumpur last November 2015. As a Community, ASEAN brings to fruition the integration process that offers our people new opportunities with a free movement of goods, services, capital and skilled labour, with a view to improving the lives of ASEAN people," said the Cambodian top diplomat.

On the economic front, "ASEAN Community" will strive to become a single market and production base, a highly competitive, dynamic and innovative economic region, while at the same time ensuring equitable economic development of its members

to be fully integrated into the global economy, he underlined.

"We believe that ASEAN Community would attract more foreign direct investment that would help accelerate economic growth and create more job opportunities for our people and also would contribute to eradicate poverty in our region. The ASEAN Community will no longer stand as a loose Association of ten countries for officials to deliberate, issue statements, declarations and so forth, but a proud and promising Community," he said.

As we are living in the age of globalization, he pointed out, ASEAN has to be an open and outward-looking Community. This is why ASEAN is strongly committed to further enhance its relations with its Dialogue Partners and other external partners.

H.E. Hor Namhong went on to say that for a strong and successful Community, ASEAN should also continue to tackle the existing and emerging regional and global challenges amidst a rapidly evolving regional architecture and a nowadays troublesome world.

ASEAN was established on Aug. 8, 1967, and on Dec 31, 2015, the ASEAN Community was declared.

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Cambodia Considers Private Sector an Indispensable Contributor to Economic Growth

AKP Phnom Penh, January 28, 2016 –

Cambodia considers private sector as an indispensable contributor to the country's economic growth and continues to improve favorable setting for it.

H.E. Ith Samheng, Minister of Labor and Vocational Training made the point when receiving Vice President of American Chamber of Commerce and Managing Director of Asia Sourcing Mr. Colin Browne recently at his office here in Phnom Penh.

Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training has worked to improve the business climate, including the establishment of labor inspector, coordination of meetings to define minimum wage for workers, and compilation of Trade Union Law.

Mr. Colin Browne agreed with the efforts and anticipated more

progress in the work in the future.

In the next ten years, as added H.E. Ith Samheng, the Royal Government of Cambodia will ensure the sustainability of existing industries and work to modernize the industries.

Cambodia To Attract Some 2 Million Chinese Tourists by 2020

AKP Phnom Penh, January 27, 2016

The Cambodia Tourism Marketing Strategy 2016-2020, Marketing Strategy Targeting China 2016-2020 and White Paper on China Ready for Cambodia Tourism have been launched in order to realize the country's vision to welcome at least 7.5 million foreign visitors and 2 million Chinese tourists by 2020. The launching ceremony took place here on Jan. 25 under the presidency of Minister of Tourism H.E. Thong Khon.

China is a main market to which Cambodia has to pay high attention, underlined the minister, adding

that the majority of visitors around the world are Chinese.

According to a report, there were 135 million Chinese tourists traveling abroad, mostly to Asia, Europe and America, in 2014. The number is predicted to reach 180 million or 200 million by 2020.

In 2015, Cambodia received about 4,5 million international tourists, of whom around 800,000 were Chinese visitors, ranking them at the 2nd place, said H.E. Thong Khon.

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