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AKP Phnom Penh, July 20, 2015 –



Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, received here last Friday at the Peace Palace visiting H.E. Nikolay Nikiforov, Minister of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation.

H.E. Eang Sophalleth, Assistant to the Cambodian premier, told reporters after the meeting that Samdech Techo Hun Sen urged for a direct flight from Russia to Cambodia so as to boost both countries' tourism and investment sectors. Samdech Techo Prime Minister accepted the Russian government's invitation to pay an official visit to Russia before or after the ASEAN-Russia Summit, said the assistant.

The Cambodian prime minister also expressed profound thanks to Russia for its

Chinese Embassy Donates Cars and Mobile Phones to Cambodian Foreign Ministry

AKP Phnom Penh, July 14, 2015 –



Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong (R, pic.1) receives a car key as a symbol from H.E. Ms. Bu Jianguo, Ambassador of China to Cambodia, at the handover ceremony of the Chinese Embassy's donation of three new Toyota Hilux Vigo pick-up trucks, a new Toyota Coaster, and 45 Ascend 97 Huawei mobile phones to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, this morning in Phnom Penh.

Outcomes of the Official Visit of Cambodian Foreign Minister in Thailand



agreed on the amendment of agreement on border crossing and announced the opening of bilateral checkpoint An Seh (Preah Vihear province-Cambodia)-An Mah (Ubon Rachthani province-Thailand).

In addition, the two neighboring countries signed an agreement on the return of 16 Khmer artifacts to Cambodia.

H.E. Hor Namhong took the opportunity to request the Thai side to stop Thai fishing boat owners from accepting undocumented migrant workers, and to allow Cambodian experts to check other 20 artifacts being kept by Thai authorities in Bangkok in an attempt to ask for their return to Cambodia if they belong to Cambodia.

The visit of H.E. Hor Namhong, which coincides with the 65th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between the two countries, was made at the invitation of his Thai counterpart H.E. Gen. Tanasak Patimapragorn.

H.E. Hor Namhong was accompanied by H.E. Var Kimhong, Senior Minister in charge of Border Affairs, and H.E. Ms. Phoeung Sackona, Minister of Culture and Fine Arts.

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AKP Phnom Penh, July 14, 2015 –

Cambodian migrant workers, return of Cambodian artifacts, border crossing and development issues were the main items on agenda during the official visit of Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, to Thailand on July 10-12, 2015.

According to a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, during the three-day visit, H.E. Hor Namhong paid a courtesy call to H.E. Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, and held bilateral talks with his Thai counterpart, H.E. Gen. Tanasak Patimapragorn.

At Cambodia's request, Thailand agreed to allow people living along the common border to work in Thailand and return home in the evening, or to stay in Thailand from 15 to 30 days, and some 50,000 Cambodian migrant workers who have not extended their temporary residence permits yet to continue to stay in Thailand until March next year in order to apply for their legal status.

During the visit, the Cambodian and Thai sides also

Cambodia Borrows Maps from Three Western Countries

AKP Phnom Penh, July 16, 2015 —

Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen sent yesterday separate letters to leaders of the U.S., France, and the United Kingdom to borrow copies of Cambodia's maps in the 1960s and to ask for the dispatch of experts to verify authenticity with Cambodia's existing maps. According to his letters to U.S. President H.E. Barack Obama, French President H.E. François Hollande and U.K. Prime Minister H.E. David Cameron, Samdech Techo Hun Sen reaffirmed the Royal Government of Cambodia's strong commitment to settle the dispute over the border issues with neighboring countries, especially Vietnam.

This above request is for the supreme interest of Cambodia and her people, and in the intention to clearly confirm the scrupulousness and righteousness of the Royal Government of Cambodia in the delimitation and demarcation of borders with her neighboring countries in accordance to the Article 2 of the Cambodian Constitution as well as to avoid and to end the incitement of extreme nationalism and ill-intention to cause confusion within national and international public opinions in order to make political

gains by some quarters in Cambodia that may lead to catastrophe to the whole Cambodian nation.

"This request is aimed at building with the neighboring countries a border of peace, friendship, cooperation and development with transparency for the whole Cambodian nation," the letters continued.

The Article 2 of the Kingdom of Cambodia's Constitution stipulates that "the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia shall absolutely never be violated within its borders as defined in the 1/100,000 scale map made between the years 1933-1953 and internationally recognized between the years 1963-1969".

On July 6, 2015, Samdech Techo Hun Sen also wrote to H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations, to borrow the original maps, kept at the UN, to verify authenticity with the current maps used and being used by the Royal Government of Cambodia in the delimitation of terrestrial and maritime borders with her neighboring countries.

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Draft NGO Law Approved by NA

AKP Phnom Penh, July 13, 2015 –

The National Assembly (NA) of Cambodia debated and passed the draft Law on Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in its 4th session of the fifth legislature held on July 13 under the chairmanship of Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, President of NA.

The 68 lawmakers present at the session voted for the draft law at around noon.

This nine-chapter-and-39-article draft law details the procedures for association and NGO registration and other requirements such as making annual reports to the government about their activities and finances. Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, who also attended the session, said this draft law had been drawn up in order to protect the rights and freedoms of establishment of NGOs and associations and to promote their partnerships with the public authorities to develop Cambodia.

This draft law was endorsed by the Royal Government of Cambodia in a cabinet meeting in early June. In Cambodia, there are currently some 5,000 associations and NGOs registered at the Ministry of Interior and the Office of the Council of Ministers, and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) that have signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

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Cambodia Asks the Netherlands to Continue Supporting Clean Water Sector in Rural Areas

AKP Phnom Penh, July 14, 2015 – Cambodian Ministry of Rural Development has asked the SNV Netherlands Development Organization in Cambodia to continue supporting rural clean water and infrastructure development projects so as to help improving people’s living standard and health in line with the Royal Government of Cambodia’s rectangular strategy.

The proposal was made by Cambodian Minister of Rural Development H.E. Chea Sophara during a meeting with Country Director of SNV Netherlands Development Organization in Cambodia Mr. Erik Jan Van Waveren on June 13 in Phnom Penh.

On the occasion, H.E. Chea Sophara thanked the organization for its contribution with the Royal Government of Cambodia in developing infrastructure and improving clean water and sanitation in rural areas so far.

The minister also highlighted the Royal Government of Cambodia’s commitment to provide clean water

supply and enhance rural sanitation to 100 percent by 2025, up from 49 percent and 38.5 percent in 2013 for clean water supply and rural sanitation, respectively. H.E. Chea Sophara also sought for SNV Netherlands Development Organization’s support to the implementation of a pilot project on rural community development using the concept of “New Village Movement.”

For his part, Mr. Erik Jan Van Waveren said that his organization will continue supporting Cambodia on rural development, especially on clean water and sanitation, and renewable energy projects.

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Germany Sees to Invest in Hydro Power and Agriculture in Cambodia

AKP Phnom Penh, July 13, 2015 – Germany is interested in investing in hydro power and agriculture in Cambodia.

Senator and Senate spokesperson H.E. Mam Bunneang shared the said spirit of the recent conversation between Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei Say Chhum, President of Senate, and H.E. Thomas Gambke, Chairman of ASEAN Parliamentary Group in the German Parliament, at the Senate office – here in Phnom Penh.

H.E. Thomas Gambke, according to the same source, noticed the progress in hydro power and agriculture in Cambodia and discussed investment opportunity in the two sectors.

Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei Say Chhum welcomed

the intention, adding that “All investors are protected by the laws of Cambodia.”

The senate president also thanked the German side for their assistance so far contributing to the development of Cambodia.

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Rights of Cambodian Disabled People Promoted

AKP Phnom Penh, July 16, 2015 –

The rights of Cambodian people with disabilities, especially the rights to life and to decent work, have been promoted and the disabled people have been included in the development of national society and the world.

The remarks were made here on July 15 by H.E. Em Chan Makara, Secretary General of the Disability Action Council (DAC), at a dissemination meeting on Roles, Duties and Policies related to People with Disabilities.

H.E. Em Chan Makara further said that the Royal Government of Cambodia has set forth a National

Disability Strategic Plan 2014-2018 aiming at reducing poverty of the disabled people, at providing them with qualified and equitable health services, rehabilitation and judicial services, and at protecting them from discrimination, violation and exploitation.

According to a census conducted by the Ministry of Planning in 2013, Cambodia has more than 300,000 people with disabilities, equivalent to 2.06 percent of the total population of over 14 millions. Some 157,008 of them are men (equivalent to 52.2 percent), 144,622 are women (equivalent to 47.94 percent) and 32,056 are children aged from 0 to 14 years (equivalent to 10.63 percent), he pointed out.

Nearly 900,000 Tourists Visit Preah Sihanouk Coastal Province in First Semester

AKP Preah Sihanouk, July 16, 2015 –



National and international tourists enjoy their holidays in Preah Sihanouk coastal province. According to Mr. Nou Sophal, Director of Preah Sihanouk Provincial Department of Tourism, some 885,398 multi-national tourists visited the province in the first semester of this year, up 15.87 over the same period last year, of them 216,332 were foreign visitors, up 7.83 percent.

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