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Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen Inaugurates the Second Largest New Container Terminal



AKP, January 22, 2013 –

Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen together with Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Pan Guangxue press buttons as symbol while they were presiding over the inauguration ceremony of a new Container Terminal of Phnom Penh Autonomous Port in Kean Svay district, Kandal province on Jan. 22.

Photo: Chey Phoumipul

PM Hun Sen Inaugurates a New Container Terminal

AKP Phnom Penh,
January 22, 2013 –

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen on January 22, 2013 inaugurated the Kingdom's second largest new container terminal of Phnom Penh Autonomous Port to boost trade.

At the inauguration ceremony, Samdech

Techo Hun Sen expressed his appreciation to the new infrastructure of the country, saying that it will contribute to the country's trade promotion. It is a new achievement of the Royal Government of Cambodia and it will strongly boost trade activities, he added.

The terminal is located along the Mekong River in Kean Svay

district, Kandal province some 30 kilometers east of Phnom Penh.

The terminal was constructed in March 2011 with a total capacity of 120,000 TEUs (20-foot equivalent unit) per year and it consists of a wharf platform enabling two 5,000 tons of container berths. It was constructed on the 10-

hectare by the China-based Shanghai Construction (Group) General Company with a soft loan of US\$28.2 million from China.



Kingdom's second largest new container terminal of Phnom Penh Autonomous Port in Kean Svay district, Kandal province. *Photo: Chey Phoumipul*

A Grand Meeting to Commemorate the 34th Victory Day Over the Khmer Rouge Genocidal Regime



AKP Phnom Penh, January 08, 2013 –

Cambodia's Senate President Samdech Akka Moha Thamma Pothisal Chea Sim, together with National Assembly President Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, and Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, preside over a grand meeting to commemorate the 34th Victory Day over the Khmer Rouge genocidal regime (Jan. 7, 1979-Jan. 7, 2013) at the CPP Headquarters in Phnom Penh on Jan. 7.

Photo: Chim Nary

Nearly 600 Vulnerable Families Receive Donation from Cambodian Red Cross



The Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) led by its President Lok Chumteav Kittiprittbindit Bun Rany Hun Sen provides foodstuffs and other daily necessities to 594 families of HIV/AIDS patients, orphans, poor elderly and disabled people from Bosth and Kong Pisey districts of Kampong Speu province on Jan. 10.

Photo: Chey Phoumipul

AKP Phnom Penh, Kampong Speu province, west of Phnom Penh capital. January 10, 2013 — about 45 kilometers west of Phnom Penh capital.

Lok Chumteav Bun Rany Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian Red Cross (CRC), visited and gave donation to 594 families of HIV/AIDS patients, orphans, poor elderly and disabled people from Bosth and Korng Pisey districts, Kam-

achievements of Kampong Speu province. On the occasion, the CRC president said she is pleased to visit and give donation to the vulnerable people in the two districts. She also expressed her appreciation to the fast development and

to-child transmission of HIV.

Lok Chumteav Bun Rany Hun Sen took the opportunity to encourage the HIV-infected pregnant women to go to the hospital as soon as possible for medical consultations and checkup so as to guarantee a safe delivery and to prevent mother-

The donation included foodstuffs and other daily necessities as well as some budget.

New 1,000-Riel Banknote Launched in Dedication to Late King-Father

AKP Phnom Penh,
January 30, 2013 –

The National Bank of Cambodia (NBC) has officially issued a new 1,000-Riel banknote bearing the image of “Preah Borom Ratanak Kaudh” the new royal name of late King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk upon he passed away last year.

The issuance of the new banknote was made known in a sub-decree signed on Tuesday by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

NBC Governor H.E. Chea Chanto said the new 1,000-Riel banknote bears the portrait of “Preah Borom Ratanak Kaudh” on one

side and a picture of a golden swan-shaped float that carried the King-Father’s Body from Phnom Penh International Airport to the Royal Palace on the other side.

King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk passed away at the age of 90 in Beijing, China on Oct. 15, 2012. His Body has

been now lying in state at the Royal Palace until Feb. 1, 2013 when the Body will be moved to the open square of Veal Preah Merhu, in front of the National Museum, next to the Royal Palace, for the royal cremation three days later.

Thai PM Congratulates Cambodia for Successful Hosting of the 21st ASEAN Summit

AKP Phnom Penh,
January 03, 2013 –

Thai Prime Minister H.E. Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra has sent a congratulatory letter to Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, expressing her appreciation to Cambodia for the successful hosting of the 21st ASEAN Summit and Related Summits on Nov. 18-20, 2012.

“I value the Summits’ discussions on various important issues pertaining to ASEAN

Community building and on regional and international issues. These have contributed to building a more connected and resilient ASEAN Community capable of playing a central role in the region and promoting global peace and stability,” she said.

H.E. Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra also expressed her support to Cambodia’s initiative on the ASEAN Global Dialogue

which has focused attention on the impact of the global economic challenges

on the region as well as the regional effective response thus far.

“The successful outcome of the recent Phnom Penh Summits reflect ASEAN Member States’ commitment to maintaining ASEAN unity and cohesiveness which remain key prerequisites for us to become one Community and to enhance ASEAN’s centrality in the evolving regional architecture,” she underlined.

“Under your able chairmanship during the past year, ASEAN has

made tangible progress in all three pillars of the ASEAN Community,” she said. “I thus commend the efforts of Your Excellency and the Government and people of Cambodia in steering ASEAN toward a peaceful, stable and prosperous region and in becoming a dynamic partner for the international community.”

Cambodian PM Highlights the Protection Policy for the Poor

AKP Phnom Penh,
January 16, 2013 –

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen this morning affirmed that the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has been applying the protection policy for

the poor.

Speaking at a ceremony to present land title certificates to 1.291 families in Keo Seima district of the northeastern province of Mondulkiri, Samdech Techo Hun Sen explained that the protection policy for the

poor includes tax exemption for agricultural lands, land distribution to people, etc.

The RGC also provides free service for ID card, birth certificate and family book issuance to the people, stressed Samdech Techo Hun Sen.

Under the RGC's rectangular strategy, Cambodia has succeeded in reducing at least 1 percent of poverty rate annually.

Cambodia's Endeavor to Tackle Issues of People with Disabilities

AKP Phnom Penh,
January 14, 2013 —

The Royal Government of Cambodia is joining hands with a local NGO to further concretize assistance for people living with disabilities as the country has recently ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

H.E. Ith Sam Heng, Minister of Social Af-

fairs, Youth Rehabilitation late last week renewed service agreement with Cambodian Disabled People's Organization (CDPO) until 2018 given its active intervention in tackling issues of people with disabilities.

According to Mr. Ngin Saorath, Executive Director of CDPO, the organization has ensured alignment of its

activities with the commitment of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation since 1994.

H.E. Ith Sam Heng appreciated the achievements of CDPO and the ministry's priorities for the next five years, particularly in promoting the implementation of the law on the protection and enhancement of the rights of

persons with disabilities.

Cambodian Trade Volume Up 19% in 2012

AKP Phnom Penh,
January 14, 2013 —

Cambodia's total trade volume in 2012 has reached US\$13.63 billion, up 19 percent from US\$11.48 billion in 2011 said CAM-CONTROL, the Cambodia Import-Export Inspection and Fraud Repression Directorate General, which regulates imports and exports in the Kingdom. According to CAM-

CONTROL, the exports have seen an increase by 12.5 percent to US\$5.49 billion, while the imports by 23 percent to US\$8.14 billion.

With the statistics, the country's trade deficit in 2012 was US\$2.65 billion, up from US\$1.72 billion in 2011.

Cambodia's major export partners were the US, the EU, Canada,

Japan, and China while the main import partners were Vietnam, Thailand, China, Malaysia, Singapore, ...

The main products the country exported included garment and footwear products, milled rice, rubber latex, agricultural products, etc. while the main imported products were construction materials, petroleum,

electronic equipment, vehicles, food and soft drinks, etc.

Cambodia To Draft a Law on Anti-Money Laundering and Counterterrorist Financing

AKP Phnom Penh,
January 31, 2013 —

The second meeting of National Coordinating Committee for Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) was held on Monday 28 January 2013 to examine the work results of a working group for drafting a law on AML/CFT.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Prime Minister H.E.

Keat Chhon, Minister of Economy and Finance and Chairman of National Coordinating Committee for AML/CFT, Ministry of Economy and Finance's spokesperson said.

So far, Sydney-based Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) and Financial Action Task Force (FATF) working groups have recently fulfilled their missions in Cambodia to assess international coopera-

tion mechanisms for strengthening legal implementation on AML/CFT, said the spokesperson.

The teams held discussions with relevant authorities and senior officials of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and appreciated the RGC's endeavor to cooperate with regional and international countries in combating money laundering and terrorism financing, he added.

In December last year, during a meeting with H.E. Sok An, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, Mr. David Shannon, Principal Executive Officer of APG Secretariat affirmed that APG will assist Cambodia with regard to the drafting of law on AML/CFT.

PM Reannounces Against Titanium Exploitation in Koh Kong

AKP Phnom Penh, January 28, 2013 —

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen has once again affirmed the conservation of titanium in Koh Kong, one of the costal provinces of Cambodia.

Speaking at the hand-over ceremony of land title certificates to 513

families in Thmar Baing district, Koh Kong province this morning, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said Cambodia will not exploit the titanium.

“I already confirmed that, even though [the exploitation] would bring about thousands of millions U.S. dollars, we cannot authorize it as it would damage the en-

vironment, including seawater, forests and animal habitats,” he said.

In mid December 2012, at the inauguration ceremony of the Yazaki Corp’s automotive parts factory in Koh Kong, Samdech Techo Hun Sen also announced publicly against the US\$30-billion titanium exploitation in Chi Phat.

At that time, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said in accordance to the environmental impact assessment, the exploitation would affect elephants’ trails, destroy some 20,000 ha of forests and harm the costal area environment.

Cambodia Angkor Air Successfully Operates Between Siem Reap and Preah Sihanouk Provinces

AKP, Phnom Penh, January 22, 2013—

Cambodia Angkor Air Company, the national carrier has successfully operated its direct flight between Siem Reap and Preah Sihanouk in 2012 with nearly 7,000 national and international tourists.

“Cambodia Angkor Air Company has operated its flights between Siem Reap and Preah Sihanouk provinces in 2012 with some 6,900 national and interna-

tional guests, of whom 308 are national tourists,” Mr. Seng Kha, Director of Preah Sihanouk Provincial Tourism Department, said.

According to an officer at Preah Sihanouk International Airport, the company has operated its regular flights three times a week. In 2013, the company has planned to expand its flights between Siem Reap and Preah Sihanouk provinces and to Phnom Penh International Airport as well.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has been developing infrastructures to serve tourism sector in Cambodia, which is important for transport national and international guests to relax in costal province of natural tourism site.

In accordance with the Open Sky Policy of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, Preah Sihanouk province has gradually grown in national and international guests because it is a

potential province to serve sectors of industry, business, agriculture, tourism and international sea port.

In 2012, Preah Sihanouk province received 212,643 international guests with 118 multi nationalities. Of them, China was ranked top with 24,696 followed by America with 21,156 and British with 20,858.

EU To Hand Over €6.9 Million Check to Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

AKP Phnom Penh, January 29, 2013 — The European Union (EU) will hand over a €6.9 million check to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports tomorrow, an EU press release said January 29, 2013.

The check will be handed over by H.E. Jean-François Cautain, new EU Education Support Programme Ambassador and Head of the EU Delegation to Cambodia, to H.E. Im Sethy, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports at the opening ceremony of a Stakeholder Workshop for the formulation of the new EU Education Support Programme for the period 2014-16 held at Cambodiana Hotel, it indicated.

According to the press release, this €6.9 million (36.5 billion Riel) is provided in recognition of progress made in the education sector and in improving public finance management in 2011/12.

18 Poor Students Receive U.S. Scholarships



AKP Preah Sihanouk, January 02, 2013 – Some 18 poor students from four different schools in Preah Sihanouk province win scholarships from the U.S. Embassy through Cambodian Muslim Development Foundation. They were among other students who passed the English speaking test prepared by the U.S. Embassy on Jan. 1. **Photo: Ngo Somony AKP-Preah Sihanouk province**

Cambodia's Local Company Unveils Its First Ever Home-Made Electric Cars



AKP Phnom Penh, January 08, 2013 –

Cambodia's Heng Development Company unveils in Phnom Penh on Jan. 7 its first-ever electric-powered cars branded "Angkor" under the presidency of National Assembly's Second Vice President H.E. Ms. Khuon Sudary. **Photo: Hun Yuth Kun**

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