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Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen asked the provincial authorities around Tonle Sap Lake to impose the demarcation on the fishing area and protected area for fish stocks.

than 177,800 hectares was set aside for fishing exploitation and more than 93,000 hectares for conservation for raising fish stocks. He also called for the participation from some fishing communities and other local communities with their locations adjacent to the protected area in arranging the

Chhnang, Pursat and Battambang, maintaining the protected area for raising fish stocks, canceling fishing lots in provinces of Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Kandal and Takeo, and asking for pardon to those detained and jailed for fisheries infractions. The successive development

desire of the Cambodian people, he stressed.

Cambodian Premier Announces to Eliminate All Commercial Fishing Lots

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen yesterday announced to end all the commercial fishing lots throughout the country.

This move is aimed at contributing to increasing the local people's income and preserving fish species in the country.

From now on, the Cambodian ordinary people can catch fish in Tonle Sap Lake except the areas put under preservation, said the Cambodian premier in his three-hour speech broadcasted on the state-owned television, TVK.

"This is a deep and firm reform of fishing lots," he underlined.



In his speech to the countrymen across the country on March 8, the Cambodian premier underlined those 37 fishing lots covering more than 270,000 hectares in Tonle Sap Lake, more

procedure and the mechanism for managing the area. Samdech Hun Sen recalled canceling 37 fishing lots in the provinces around Tonle Sap Lake including Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap, Kampong Thom, Kampong

in reforming the fishing lots in the country deepened and had a characteristic of the people's democratic revolution, which was committed by the ruling party for serving the interests and the

Cambodian FM Holds Talks with His Indonesian Counterpart

AKP Phnom Penh, March 6, 2012 –

Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong held here on Monday a bilateral meeting with his visiting Indonesian counterpart H.E. Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa.

At the joint press conference after the meeting, H.E. Hor Namhong said the one-hour discussion focused on bilateral relations between Cambodia and Indonesia, Cambodia's ASEAN chairmanship, and the dispatching of Indonesian military observer team to the Provisional Demilitarized Zone (PDZ) at Preah Vihear Temple Area set by the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Regarding the bilateral ties, both sides agreed to boost

their cooperation in the field of investment, especially in agro-industry, high-tech rice mills and telecommunications, said the Cambodian



H.E. Hor Namhong, meets with visiting H.E. Marty M. Natalegawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia in Phnom Penh on March 5. *Photo: Chim Nary*

foreign minister, adding that the direct flights between Indonesia and Cambodia was also discussed.

Concerning Cambodia's

ASEAN chairmanship, Indonesian Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa affirmed that Indonesia is ready to send

its senior officials to exchange views and experiences with Cambodia. He also praised Cambodia for successfully organized the

ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in January.

Related to the border issue, H.E. Hor Namhong asked the Cambodia-Thailand joint working group to set a date for the troop withdrawal from the PDZ as soon as possible so that the Indonesian military observer team can be dispatched to the area.

Both foreign ministers also discussed about the South China Sea issue and the protocol on the Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty (SEANWFZ).

Indonesian Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa arrived in Cambodia on March 5, 2012 for a one-day visit at the invitation of his Cambodian counterpart H.E. Hor Namhong.

Cambodia Future Leaders Study The ASEAN Message

PHNOM PENH, 16 March 2012 – It was a colourful and lively meeting between Cambodia's current and future leaders and, high on the agenda, is how Cambodia's national development, is intertwined with the fate of ASEAN.

On one side are some 3,500 university students--all decked out in ASEAN T-shirts and waving the ASEAN and Cambodian flags. They had come from all disciplines: Cambodia's future doctors, lawyers, economists, artists, senior civil servants -- you name them and they were represented here.

"We are a small country. We only have 14,000,000 people. Nobody knows about us. We become ASEAN Chair so everyone knows about us," said Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia Hor Namhong. Responding to a question about the significance of Cambodia being ASEAN Chair, the senior leader added, "This is not the first time we chaired ASEAN. With our experiences in 2002, I am confident that we will be a successful chair this year."

Reinforcing the message, Dr Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister of the Ministry of Commerce, explained the relevance of Cambodia's theme for its Chairmanship of ASEAN, which is "One Community, One Destiny".

"ASEAN tries to promote the integration through narrowing the development gap, and benefit our ASEAN peoples—including Cambodian. It is you—as the young people—who will benefit from it, not us. We at the government level will take all effort to pave the way for our young people to grow, so it is your responsibility to decide what you're going to do with all the benefits," said the Commerce Minister, discussing ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), and how this cooperation will benefit the students in the future. He also urged the students to do their part to ensure Cambodia's smooth organization of the meetings.

To illustrate the comprehensive programmes which ASEAN had undertaken to help the region, Mr Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister Advisor to the Prime Minister, and Minister for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), pointed out issues such as pollution, green technology, climate change, which are covered by the community.

The event drew participation of 18 state and private universities. It is part of Cambodia's efforts to bring the ASEAN message to the people.

In his closing remarks at the National Seminar, Excellency Hor Namhong thanked Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN, and his staff at the ASEAN Secretariat, "for sending our students the beautiful ASEAN T-shirts, flags and publication for the benefit of our young people to know ASEAN better."

Press Release of the Eighth Meeting of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and the Third Meeting of AICHR on the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD)

JAKARTA - The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) convened the Eighth Meeting of AICHR and the Third Meeting of AICHR on the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD) from 9 – 13 March 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Meetings were chaired by H.E. Chet Chealy, Member of the Cambodian Human Rights Committee, the Alternate Representative of Cambodia to AICHR. AICHR has reviewed and adopted the Guidelines on the Operations of AICHR. AICHR also had preliminary discussion on the guidelines for engagement with stakeholders, including civil society organisations (CSOs). The Meeting also discussed the implementation of the Priority Programmes/Activities 2012. AICHR has agreed on the Advanced Programme on Human Rights and the AICHR-Training programme on promoting Access to Justice. These two trainings are scheduled to be implemented later in the year. In addition to this, the AICHR Thematic Study on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is scheduled to hold its first Coordination Meeting for the Study Team members and National Focal Points in May 2012 in Singapore.

The Meeting discussed the preparation for AICHR's interface meeting with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers at the upcoming ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and 20th ASEAN Summit on 2 April 2012, as well as the progress report of AICHR on the drafting of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration. AICHR also had its regular interface meeting with the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) where the two bodies exchanged views on further strengthening the coordination and cooperation between the CPR and AICHR, information sharing with AICHR and AICHR's engagement of ASEAN Dialogue Partners.

AICHR also held their Third Meeting to deliberate on the draft AHRD. AICHR is currently negotiating the provisions under the section of Civil and Political Rights.

The next AICHR Meeting on 9 – 11 April 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia will continue the deliberations on the draft AHRD.

High Level Dialogue on Chemical Accident Prevention Held in Siem Reap

AKP Phnom Penh, March 14, 2012 – The Cambodian Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries H.E. Chan Sarun received on March 13, 2012 the Beijing-based Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to Cambodia H.E. Seyoum Mesfin. They agreed to prepare a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on their plan to import Cambodian rice. In the meeting, the two sides discussed about the establishment of the cooperation between the two countries, said an official of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Earlier on Monday 12 March 2012, H.E. Chan Sarun also met with H.E. Soehardjono Sastromihardjo, Ambassador of Indonesia to Cambodia, who informed the Cambodian minister of his country's plan to visit Cambodia's rice mill industry soon, said the ambassador.

Cambodia, Ethiopia To Cooperate in Agricultural Field

AKP Phnom Penh, March 9, 2012 – The Cambodian Ministry of Environment in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program, and the United Nations Environment Program organized early this week a High Level Dialogue Session and Workshop on Chemical Accident Prevention and Preparedness in Siem Reap province. H.E. Khieu Muth, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Environment said in the past decade, the socio-economic development has grown dramatically, but the demand of chemical use has also seen a remarkable increase, especially in the fields of agriculture, industry, health and research. The Royal Government of Cambodia have drawn up laws, sub-decrees, strategic plans and other keystones to strengthen the chemical management, he said. The High Level Dialogue Session and Workshop on Chemical Accident Prevention and Preparedness, held from March 5 to 7 at Apsara Angkor Hotel, attracted 45 local and international experts.

First International Half Marathon in Preah Sihanouk Province



More than 1,150 Cambodian and foreign athletes from 21 countries join the 1st Sihanouk-Ville-Angkor Beer International Half Marathon 2012 organized by the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia (NOCC) on Mar. 11 in Preah Sihanouk province under the presidency of Cambo-



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The First Sihanouk-Ville-Angkor Beer International Half Marathon 2012, taking place on Mar. 11 in Preah Sihanouk coastal province, was wrapped up with re-

markable success, said H.E. Vath Chamroeun, Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia.

For men category, three Cambodian athletes ranked first, second and third, while for women category, a French runner ranked first, an Australian runner came in second and an English runner in third.

In the 10-kilometer race, an American and a Cambodian athletes ranked first for women and men categories respectively.

For the 3-kilometer race, the Cambodian runners came in first, second and third.

Over 1,000 athletes, including more than 100 foreigners from 12 countries, participated in the event.

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