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Her Majesty The Queen-Mother and The King Meet with Mourners



More than 10,000 Buddhist monks in front of the Royal Palace on Oct. 23 to chant and pray for the seventh and final day of official mourning for Cambodia's late King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk.

100,000 Cambodian People Attend Last Day of The Official Mourning for The King-Father



Her Majesty Queen-Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk and His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, join with crowded mourners including more than 10,000 Buddhist monks in front of the Royal Palace on Oct. 23 to chant and pray for the seventh and final day of official mourning for Cambodia's late King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk. *Photo: Royal Palace*

AKP Phnom Penh, monks from different crowded mourners for state at the Royal Pal-
 October 24, 2012 — pagodas across the the final day of official ace for at least three
 country chanted and mourning. months before being
 An estimated 100,000 prayed for the soul of cremated.
 Cambodian people the Late King-Father, The week-long official
 from all walks of life the father of independ- mourning period for
 yesterday evening ence, territorial integ- the King-Father began Leaders of friendly
 gathered in front of the rity, and national on Oct. 17 when his countries have subse-
 Royal Palace in unity. body returned home quently sent condo-
 Phnom Penh for the after he passed away lence letters and trav-
 last day of the official His Majesty King No- eled to Cambodia to
 mourning for King- rododm Sihamoni and Oct. 15 in Beijing, pay their last respects
 Father Samdech Preah Her Majesty Queen- China at the age of 90. to the Cambodian re-
 Norodom Sihanouk. Mother Norodom vered former King.
 Monineath Sihanouk The King-Father's
 Some 10,000 Buddhist also joined the body will be lying in

PM: The Abdication to His Majesty King Sihamoni Is The King-Father's Last Big Achievement for Cambodia

AKP Phnom Penh, October 28, 2012 –

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen on Saturday said King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk's abdication to the current King Norodom Sihamoni is his last big achievement for the Cambodian citizens.

"If there was no smooth transfer of

throne at that time, we would now be under the throne crisis," Samdech Techo Hun Sen said at the land title certificate handover ceremony in Rolea Pa-ear district of Kampong Chhnang province, some 90 kilometers north of Phnom Penh capital city.

The Cambodian premier further announced that the cremation of Late King-Father's body will be held in the

first week of February next year.

In addition, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said the King-Father's statue will be built at a park near the Independence Monument for people to pay their respects to the Cambodian revered former king.

King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk abdicated on Oct. 7, 2004 and a week

later, the Royal Council of the Throne selected one of his sons, Norodom Sihamoni, as the new King of Cambodia.

U.S. Donates Laptops to Ministry of National Defense

AKP Phnom Penh, October 28, 2012 –

The U.S. Embassy, through its Office of Defense Cooperation's Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program, handed over some 330 computer laptops, hard drives, and other equipment, to the Ministry of National Defense with a total value of over US\$250,000.

Mr. Jeff Daigle, U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief

of Mission, and Lieutenant General Suon Samnang, Deputy Director General of Policy and Planning at the Ministry of National Defense presided over the handover ceremony.

Addressing the function, Mr. Jeff Daigle said the donation will allow the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) to better integrate its activities and utilize its resources through issuance to

RCAF priority units, many of which are currently receiving training and capacity building assistance from the U.S. government.

The U.S. Office of Defense Cooperation's FMF program has also provided excess military transportation equipment, English-language training laboratories, military training in the U.S., and technical assistance, which support RCAF's professional develop-

ment, English-language training program, and maritime security capacity building, he pointed out.

For his part, Lieutenant General Suon Samnang expressed profound thanks to the U.S. side for its assistance to the RCAF.

Phnom Penh International Airport To Accommodate Five Additional Boeing 747s

AKP Phnom Penh, October 26, 2012 —

Phnom Penh International Airport will be able to accommodate five additional Boeing 747s soon, affirmed here on Wednesday Mr. Emmanuel Menanteau, Chief Executive Officer of Cambodia Airports, the developer and operator of Cambodia's international airports.

“To welcome foreign dignitaries and delegates [to the 21st ASEAN Summit and Related Summits in



mid November], the airports have undergone improvement works with over US\$12 million investment,” he said. Once the improvement

project ended (expected to be before the upcoming ASEAN Summit), Phnom Penh International Airport will be able to accommodate seven Boeing 747s and other 11 medium range

aircrafts at a time, said Mr. Emmanuel Menanteau.

The number of passenger arrivals through Phnom Penh International Airport is expected to grow by 7 percent to 2.25 million in 2013, while Siem Reap International Airport would welcome some 2.55 million passengers next year, or an increase of 10.5 percent, he added.

Three New Airlines To Launch Direct Flights to Cambodia

AKP Phnom Penh, October 25, 2012 —

Three international airlines including Condor Air of Germany, Qatar Airways and Lao Central Airlines will launch their direct flights to Cambodia soon, Mr. Emmanuel Menanteau, Chief Executive Officer of Cambodia Airports said.

Condor Air is scheduled to start charter carrier from Frankfurt, Germany to Siem Reap province, Cambodia and Phuket, Thailand in early next month using Boeing 767-300 with 270 passengers, he pointed out.

According to Mr. Emmanuel Menanteau, the other two airlines – Qatar Airways and Lao

Central Airlines – are subjected to get the approval from the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation of Cambodia.

Qatar Airways is slated to operate in February next year between Doha and Phnom Penh with 305 passengers; while Lao Central Airlines is due to operate daily flights between Vienti-

ane and Phnom Penh with Boeing 737-400 for 168 passengers, he added.

Twenty-five (25) airlines have been currently operating at Phnom Penh and Siem Reap International Airports.

WHO Hails Cambodia's Success in Combating Tuberculosis

AKP Phnom Penh, October 23, 2012 –

Cambodia has recently remarkably achieved in Tuberculosis elimination and has maintained the TB infection rate to the lowest level, according to Dr. Mao Tan Eang, Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control.

Dr. Mao Tan Eang further added that the success

was highlighted in the Global Tuberculosis Report 2012 published by the World Health Organization (WHO). He added that the TB program owes its success to a clear evidence-based policy and plan, strong technical expertise, government commitment and leadership, as well as sustained support from international donors and partners, including WHO,

JICA, the World Bank, United Nations World Food Program, the United States Agency for International Development, United States Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Cambodia has now transformed its TB program from a hospital-based system to one that provides free, universal access to

TB care at the grassroots level. At the core of the new approach was the WHO-recommended DOTS (Directly Observed Therapy-Short Course), with its emphasis on supporting TB patients as they follow a six-month treatment regimen.

Cambodia, Indonesia To Sign on 4 Agreements

AKP Phnom Penh, October 22, 2012 –

Cambodia and Indonesia are going to sign on four agreements during the joint commission meeting between the two countries' foreign ministers or during the future visit by the President of the Republic of Indonesia in Cambodia, said Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong.

These are the agreements in the fields of agriculture, tourism, propaganda and information, and on the annual export of 100,000 tons of milled rice to Indo-

nesia by 2015, said H.E. Hor Namhong, also Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation after his bilateral meeting here this morning with his Indonesian counterpart H.E. Dr. Marty Natalegawa, who led a delegation to pay tribute to Late King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk at the Royal Palace.

We hope that there will be an increase in milled rice exports to Indonesia after 2015, he emphasized.

So far, he added, two Indonesian companies, together with Chinese and

Indian investors, have invested in rice mills in Cambodia. Hence, Cambodia expects that the rice exports will be further increased.

Both Cambodian and Indonesian foreign ministers also discussed about the preparations of the 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits to be held in Phnom Penh from Nov. 15 to 20.

The upcoming ASEAN Summit and related Summits will be participated by the Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN member coun-

tries, the President of South Korea H.E. Lee Myung-bak, the President of United States H.E. Barack Obama, Prime Minister of China H.E. Wen Jiabao, and Prime Minister of Japan H.E. Yoshihiko Noda, etc., underlined H.E. Hor Namhong.

