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Photo: Chim Nary

King and Queen-Mother Preside Over the Inauguration Ceremony of Late King-Father's Statue



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The inauguration ceremony was also attended by National Assembly President Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Charkei

Heng Samrin, Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen and members of the Senate, National Assembly and Government as well as foreign ambassadors accredited to Cambodia.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Samdech Techo Hun Sen urged all Cambodian citizens, especially the young leaders, to keep October 15 as the national day to commemorate the King-Father's sacrifice for the nation.

The Cambodian premier also recalled the last advice

of the late King-Father of national reconciliation, unity and solidarity, and reconfirmed to continue to protect the monarchy, throne and King under the national motto of “Nation, Religion, King”.

The Memorial Statue of Preah Borom Ratanak Kaudh, made of copper with 4.5 meters high and its support of 2.7 meters high, is situated in a public park, east of the Monument of Independence.

According to the construction committee, the erection of the Royal Statue

lasted about eight months and cost over US\$1 million.

Late King-Father Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk passed away on Oct. 15, 2012 at 01:20 am (local time in Phnom Penh) in Beijing, China at the age of 90 from natural causes.

Cambodia, Thailand Pledge for Peace and Development Along the Border



Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong (2nd, L) holds a meeting with his Thai counterpart H.E. SurapongTovichakchai-kul on Oct. 28 in Poipet city, Cambodia's Banteay Meanchey province, to strengthen border cooperation and to maintain peace, security and stability along the common border of the two countries.

AKP Phnom Penh, October 28, 2013 –

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia H.E. Hor Namhong and his Thai counterpart H.E. Surapong Tovichakchai-kul have vowed to maintain peace and development along the common border and to respect the upcoming International Court of Justice (ICJ)'s verdict.

Both sides agreed to implement the ICJ's verdict on Cambodia's request for the interpretation of

the Court's Judgment of June 15, 1962 in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear to be released on Nov. 11, 2013, H.E. Hor Namhong said.

Cambodia and Thailand are not only neighbors, but also brothers and sisters, therefore the ICJ's verdict will not only maintain peace, but also build confidence among both countries' military forces as well as expand further the fields of trade, economy, tourism and other sectors, he added.

At the weekly cabinet meeting held here last Fri-

day, Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, via a video conference, urged the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) to maintain peace along the border with Thailand regardless of the verdict of the ICJ.

“Whatever the ICJ's verdict on Nov. 11, 2013 would be, in favor of Cambodia or Thailand, the two royal governments will always stick to the stance of good friendship and cooperation between the two governments, the two armies, and the two peoples, and vowed to main-

tain safety, security and peace along the Cambodian-Thai border,” stressed the Cambodian premier.

Cambodia and Thailand have been waiting for the ICJ's decision after they provided their arguments at the ICJ's oral hearings in The Hague, the Netherlands, from Apr. 15 to 19, 2013 on Cambodia's request for the interpretation of the Court's Judgment of June 15, 1962 in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear.

UN Secretary-General Highly Appreciates Cambodia's Contribution to World Peace

AKP Phnom Penh, October 11, 2013 –

United Nations Secretary-General H.E. Ban Ki-moon highly valued and profoundly thanked Cambodia for having sent its forces to join the peace-keeping operations under the UN umbrella, according to the National Television of Cambodia (TVK).

During a bilateral talk with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen on Thursday in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on

the sidelines of the 23rd ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, the UN Secretary-General also asked the Cambodian side to consider dispatching female police officers to take part in the UN peace-keeping operations.

H.E. Ban Ki-moon lauded the 2013 National Election process in Cambodia, saying that it was conducted in a free, fair, just and peaceful manner. In addition, he expressed his support to Samdech Techo Hun Sen for his re-election as the Prime Minister of Cambodia for another

five-year term.

The UN secretary-general also expressed his deepest sympathy and condolences to the Cambodian flood-affected victims.

For his part, Samdech Techo Hun Sen informed H.E. Ban Ki-moon of the current political climate in Cambodia, including the main opposition party's boycott of the first session of the fifth Legislature of the National Assembly, stressing that it is not new for Cambodia. "After the election, the opposition party always

rejects the election results, but they never abandon their parliamentary seats won through a democratic election, and claim their parliamentary immunity and salaries," he said.

Regarding the Khmer Rouge Tribunal's budget shortfall, H.E. Ban Ki Moon affirmed that the UN would send its experts to Cambodia soon to help settle the issue.

New Forecast Says Cambodia's Economic Growth To Reach 7% in 2013 and in Next Two Years

AKP Phnom Penh, October 07, 2013 –

Cambodia's GDP growth is projected at around 7 percent in 2013 and in the next two years, World Bank's East Asia Pacific Economic Update released today.

The overall macroeconomic outlook remains positive, due to sustained agricultural growth with favorable weather conditions, continued strong performance of the tour-

ism sector, and a resilient garment sector, it said.

Cambodia is an export driven economy and thus its GDP growth has been led by sustained strong agricultural sector growth (mainly rice, which is exported formally and informally) and resilient garment exports, as well as rebounding construction activities and a robust tourism sector.

"Cambodia economy has been strong for the last

few years. As a result, impressive poverty reduction has been achieved from 50 percent in 2004 to about 20 percent in 2011," said Alassane Sow, the World Bank Country Manager.

The Cambodian government has recently predicted that the country's economy would grow by 7.6 percent this year. For its part, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has maintained its forecast for Cambodia's economic growth at 7.2 percent in

2013 supported by buoyant exports and robust construction and service sectors, while next year it is expected to reach 7.5 percent as recovery gains traction in Europe and the U.S.

Cambodia To Launch New Combined Vaccine to Protect Against Measles and Rubella

AKP Phnom Penh, October 18, 2013 —

Cambodia's Ministry of Health, World Health Organization and UNICEF will jointly launch the new combined vaccine to protect against measles and rubella on Monday next week, said a joint news release.

The launching ceremony will be held at Samrong Krom Health Center in Trapaing Krasaing commune, Pursenchey district, Phnom Penh, under the presidency of H.E. Minister of Health Dr. Mam Bunheng.

It is the biggest nationwide immunization campaign in the country's history to vaccinate over four million children aged nine months to 15 years, underlined the news release.

Rubella outbreaks, which occur every few years in Cambodia, can have long-lasting consequences for babies born with congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) that leads to blindness, deafness and heart disease.

WHO estimates that up to 260 children are born with CRS every year in Cambodia, with the number of

cases rising to 1,400 during the outbreaks. In 2011, the National Institute of Public Health reported 1,092 confirmed rubella cases. Whilst most rubella cases were found in children under 15 years old, approximately 36 percent of cases involved females older than age 15, raising the probability that pregnant women will be infected and their children will be born with congenital rubella syndrome.

While Cambodia has made great progress in eliminating measles thanks to high coverage in a series of successful national measles

vaccination campaigns (with no cases of measles detected since November 2011), there still exists a risk of importing measles from other countries which have not been as successful in eliminating the disease, said the news release, adding that this nation-wide campaign will protect Cambodia's gains in measles elimination, while also protecting children from future rubella infection and the severe consequences of congenital rubella syndrome.

PM Calls for More Attention to Elderly People's Welfare

AKP Phnom Penh, October 01, 2013 —

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, has appealed for more attention to improving the elderly people's welfare.

In his message to his compatriots on the occasion of the National and International Day of Older Persons (Oct. 1), the Cambodian premier highlighted the priceless contribution

and sacrifice of elderly people from all walks of life in the country's development in all domains.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen also recommended the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation and other relevant institutions to increase their attention and to provide support in all means to improve the elderly people's welfare. He also encouraged the creation of associations of elderly people in all com-

munes/Sangkats so as to enhance the spirit of solidarity among the elderly people, especially the vulnerable ones.

On Sept. 30, the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) issued a circular on the organization of the National and International Day of Older Persons.

The circular, signed by Samdech Techo Hun Sen, stated that the purpose of the event was to enhance effective protection of the

elderly people and to reflect their important roles in society. It is also an opportunity to show recognition and gratitude to the older people for their contributions to society, it added.

The event also aimed to raise awareness on facing issues of elderly people as well as to uphold and promote their well-being.

Cambodia Marks the International Day of the Deaf 2013

AKP Phnom Penh, October 23, 2013 –

The International Day of the Deaf 2013, under the theme of “Equality for Deaf People” was held here yesterday in the presence of H.E. Vorng Saut, Minister of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation.

The event was also participated by foreign ambassadors, development partners, members of the Disability Action Council, and about 360 young and old mute and deaf people.

“The International Day of the Deaf 2013 is aimed at showing the contribution of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) to upholding and respecting the rights of persons with disabilities, in compliance with the Law on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,” said H.E. Em Chan Makara, Secretary General of General Secretariat for the Disability Action Council.



Cambodia’s Minister of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation H.E. Vorng Saut addresses the participants while he was presiding over the celebration of the International Deaf Day 2013 under the theme of Equality for Deaf People, on Oct. 22 in Phnom Penh. *Photo: DAP News*

On the occasion, H.E. Vorng Saut said that the Day was first celebrated by the World Federation of the Deaf in 1958. “133 national associations of the deaf organized events, marches, debates, campaigns and meetings

to highlight specific human rights topics that merit attention by local and national governmental authorities, including decision makers, general public and media,” he said.

The minister also highly appreciated the Disability Action Council, the Disabled People Foundation, relevant ministries and institutions, and other development partners on the cooperation as well as the noticeable achievements to reduce the rate of persons with disabilities nationwide.

According to the population census in 2008, Cambodia had approximately 192,538 handicapped people (equivalent to 1.44 percent of the total population, of whom 8.7 percent was mute and 7.9 percent was deaf).

King Distributes Relief to Flood-Hit Families in Kandal Province



AKP Kandal, October 23, 2013 –

His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, visited and distributed emergency relief to 947 flood-affected families in Samrong Thom commune, Kien Svay district, Kandal province, on Oct. 23. *Photo: Som Rithy*

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