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AKP Phnom Penh, December 21, 2015 – His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, departed here this morning for a three-day state visit in Laos, at the invitation of Lao President H.E. Choummaly Sayasone.

The Cambodian monarch was seen off at Phnom Penh International Airport by Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei Say Chhum, President of the Senate; Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, President of the National Assembly; Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister; and many other high-ranking officials as well as royal family members.

According to a royal message, during the King’s absence from Dec. 21-23, 2015, Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei Say Chhum will act as the Acting Head of State of Cambodia.

This is the third foreign visit of His Majesty the King in last three months of this year.

## Cambodian, Vietnamese PMs Inaugurate Border Marker No. 30



AKP Phnom Penh, December 26, 2015 —

Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen and his Vietnamese counterpart H.E. Nguyen Tan Dung this morning inaugurated the border marker No. 30 and a 450-meter road portion at O' Yadav-Le Thanh international border gate in Ratanakiri, a northeastern province of Cambodia.

Speaking in front of the Vietnamese premier, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said that the demarcation of the land boundary between the two countries is almost completed over the total common border of 1,270 kilometers, and only 16.8 percent remained.

After finishing the land border demarcation, both sides will proceed to the negotiation of the maritime border demarcation, he underlined.

Prime Minister Hun Sen expressed his conviction that Cambodia and Vietnam will be able to demarcate a full maritime border without conflict based on the principles of international laws and legal norms.

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) always

sticks to its irreversible stance of building a precise and just border with Vietnam based on national and international laws, and to the recognition of boundary left by the French protectorate, he affirmed.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen also laid stress on the RGC's efforts to work with the Vietnamese government in transforming the borderline between the two countries into an area without fear, but of peace, harmonization and development. At this auspicious event, H.E. Nguyen Tan Dung said the inauguration reflects the true determination of the leaders of both nations to build a common borderline of good cooperation, peace, friendship and sustainable development.

Senior Minister H.E. Var Kimhong in charge of Border Affairs and Chairman of Cambodia's Joint Border Committee said Cambodia and Vietnam have been working on the border demarcation for 11 years.

On the same day, in the afternoon, both premiers also inaugurated the border marker No. 275 at Phnom Den in Kirivong district, Takeo province.

## PM Hun Sen Presides Over Inauguration of Stung Tatai Hydropower Dam

AKP Koh Kong, December 23, 2015 –

The Stung Tatai Hydropower Dam located in Thmar Baing and Koh Kong districts, some 42 kilometers from Koh Kong provincial town, was inaugurated this morning under the presidency of Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen.

This is one of the achievements of the Royal Government of Cambodia in response to the country's development need, underlined the Cambodian premier.

The construction of Stung Tatai hydropower dam began in January 2011 by China National Heavy Machinery with a 42-year investment concession with five years for the dam's construction at a total cost of US\$540 million, and the rest 37 years for business operation. It is a large investment in electricity production in the country.

Cambodia has generated a total of about 1,072 megawatts of electricity to supply the energy need in the country, especially in Phnom Penh Capital.

According to the Ministry of Mines and Energy, the

country's energy sources include electricity import from Vietnam (170 megawatts), Thailand (120 megawatts), electricity generation from Kirirom I hydropower dam (12 megawatts), Kamchay hydropower dam (194.1 megawatts), Kirirom III hydropower dam (18 megawatts), Stung Atai hydropower dam (120 megawatts), coal power plant (100 megawatts), and Russey Chrum Krom hydropower dam (338 megawatts).

Beside the newly-inaugurated 246-megawatt Stung Tatai hydropower dam, there are two more projects – a coal power plant in Preah Sihanouk province to operate next year, and the Lower Sesan II hydropower dam that is under construction.

With all these projects, the country is expected to generate up to 2,123 megawatts in the near future.



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen has expressed his satisfaction with the current situation in the country, stressing that Cambodia has no political crisis.

Addressing to the inauguration ceremony of the 246-megawatt Stung Tatai hydropower dam in Koh Kong province this morning, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said Cambodia is in peace, political stability, and development.

"Those who think that Cambodia is in crisis, it is [in

fact] their own crisis, and those who are happy are the Cambodian people throughout the country," underlined the Cambodian premier.

Meanwhile, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said all development projects always have more or less impacts. For this newly-inaugurated hydropower dam project, if we need 246 megawatts of energy to increase our competitiveness, generate jobs and develop the economy, we need to lose some forests, he explained.

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## China Donates Office Supplies to ARMAC, CMAA



AKP Phnom Penh, December 24, 2015 –

The Chinese government, through the Chinese Embassy in Cambodia, provided here this afternoon office supplies to the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) in Cambodia and Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA).

The handover ceremony was presided over by Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Ms. Bu Jianguo.

H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Post and Telecommunication and Vice President of CMAA, and H.E. Heng Rattana, Director-General of Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC), were also present on the occasion.

The Cambodian top diplomat spoke highly of the ex-

cellent relations between Cambodia and China, which have reached the level of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation, and thanked profoundly the Chinese side for its active contribution to the development of Cambodia.

ARMAC received 10 laptop computers, 4 desktop computers, 2 cameras, 3 LCD projectors, 5 printers, 3 scanners, and 2 heavy duty photocopy machines, while CMAA got 49 motorcycles, 32 laptop computers, 19 desktop computers, 23 cameras, 16 multi function photocopy machines, 18 GPS, 27 color LaserJet printers, 6 ERW disposal kits, 20 deep search detectors, 30 demining kits, and 60 personnel protection equipment.

## **Cambodia is Positive on ASEAN Economic Community to Come**

AKP Phnom Penh, December 21, 2015 –

Cambodia is positive for the upcoming comprehensive regional integration of ASEAN economic community by the end of this month.

Permanent Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Keat Chhon emphasized the optimism when presiding over a workshop to look at opportunities for Cambodian entrepreneurs in ASEAN market in Kratie province late last week.

“There will be freer flow of products, capitals and skilled labors. It means more opportunities for Cambodian entrepreneurs,” said H.E. Keat Chhon.

The Permanent DPM also encouraged Cambodian entrepreneurs to continue building their capacity,

sharing market information, helping each other, and cooperating well with counterparts from other ASEAN member countries in order to maximize the openings in the new market space.

To address future challenges foreseen, the country has made various reforms, including the push of its gross domestic product per capita from US\$253 in 1998 to US\$1,228 in 2015.

Cambodia has remarkably reduced its poverty rate from 53 percent in 2004, 20 percent in 2011 to 14 percent in 2014.

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## **Commerce Minister: Expo Milano 2015 Award Symbolizes Great Recognition for Cambodia**

AKP Phnom Penh, December 24, 2015 –

The Silver Award Cambodia won from the 2015 exposition in Milan city of Italy (Expo Milano 2015) symbolizes great recognition for Cambodia and brings national pride to the country.

The remarks were made here yesterday by Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce H.E. Sun Chanthol while hosting a press conference announcing the award.

H.E. Sun Chanthol, also Chairman of the Cambodian Inter-Ministerial Committee for Participation in this world expo, expressed his congratulations to the inter-ministerial committee, organizers, artist performers, and Cambodian people living in Europe who have put so much efforts and support into making Cambo-

dia’s participation to the Expo Milano 2015 a success.

Competing with 91 other nations, he added, Cambodia was the only ASEAN country to receive an award by the World Expo Committee and Bureau of International Expositions (BIE) within the Clusters Pavilion category for its innovative development of the Expo theme – ‘Feed the Planet, Energy for Life’.

The expo was held from May 1 to Oct. 31, 2015. Committing to a theme of Rice Grown on Culturally Rich Land, Cambodia showcased its expo materials in a 250 spare meter national pavilion visited by approximately 2 million participants.

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