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His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni Inaugurates a High School in Kampong Chhnang Province



His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, cuts red ribbon to inaugurate Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni's General Education and Technical High School at O Russey commune, Kampong Tralach district, Kampong Chhnang province on May 4. Photo: Som Rithy

King Inaugurates a High School in Kampong Chhnang Province



AKP Phnom Penh, May 05, 2013 –

His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, presided over Saturday 05 May 2013 the inauguration ceremony of a technical and general knowledge high school in Kampong Tra Lach district of Kampong Chhnang province, some 90 kilometers north of Phnom Penh capital city. The monarch appreciated the new achievement and

thanked the Vietnamese government for its financial contribution, through the king, to the construction of the high school named after the king.

According to the monarch's speech, students living far away from Kampong Chhnang provincial town and other bordering provinces including Kampong Cham, Kandal, Kampong Speu and Kampong Thom, etc. will have access to this school. King Sihamoni further

highly valued the progress of the country's education sector under the wise leadership of Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen.

In the first stage, this school has six two-storey buildings with 49 classrooms, a two-storey administrative building with 22 rooms, gardens, water reservoir, ... while a meeting room, a dormitory, an exhibition hall, etc. are expected to be built in the

next stage.

On the occasion, the king gave donations to vulnerable people, students and teachers.

The inauguration ceremony was also attended by senior government officials, parliamentarians, senators, and Vietnamese Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Ngo Anh Dzung.

PM Hun Sen Presides Over the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Construction of National Road No. 44

AKP Kampong Speu, May 06, 2013 –

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, presided over on May 6 2013 in Kampong Speu province the groundbreaking ceremony for the rehabilitation of National Road No. 44 (NR44) worth US\$80.30 million under China's concessional loan and Cambodia's national budget.

Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Pan Guangxue was also present at the event.

This NR44 starts from kilometer No. 48 of NR4 to

kilometer No. 39 of NR5 by crossing Chbar Mon city, and three districts of Kampong Speu province,



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen operates a bulldozer as a symbol while he was presiding over on May 6 2013 the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of National Road No. 44 at Chbar Mon district, Kampong Speu province.

Photo: Chey Phoumipul

H.E. Tram Iv Tek, Minister of Public Works and Transport said.

The 139.61 kilometer long road will be expanded to 11 meters wide, and the rehabilitation is expected to complete in 40 months, he said.

On the occasion, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said this road will contribute to boosting the country's development.

Road is one of the prioritized sectors of the development policy of the Royal Government of Cambodia, he underlined.

PM Hun Sen To Hold His Position Till Age of 74

AKP Phnom Penh, May 06, 2013 –

Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen will continue to stay in power until the age of 74.

Addressing the groundbreaking ceremony for the China-funded rehabilitation of National Road No. 44 in Kampong Speu prov-

ince, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said he will follow the opinion of the opposition parties saying that China and Vietnam have seen remarkable progress because they changed their leaders.

"I will do like Chinese and Vietnamese leaders who stay in power until they are 74-75," underlined Samdech Techo Hun Sen,

adding that H.E. Phan Van Khai, former Prime Minister of Vietnam, resigned at the age of 76, while H.E. Wen Jiabao, former Prime Minister of China, retired at the age of 74.

They (opposition parties) used to criticize China and Vietnam as communist countries, but now they admired China and Vietnam that they have only

one political party, but they developed because they changed their leaders. "They (opposition parties) pointed at me once again, so I publicly announced that I will follow the Chinese and Vietnamese leaders who stay in power until they are over 70," said Samdech Techo Hun Sen, who is now 61 years old.

PM: Cambodia Is Transforming Itself into an Exporting Country

AKP Phnom Penh,
May 02, 2013 –

Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen said Cambodia has been implementing a policy of transforming itself into an exporter by boosting local productivity and finding markets outside the country.

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has been doing its best to look for foreign markets not only in the U.S. and the EU, but also in Canada, China, Japan, South Korea, and the ASEAN member countries, said Samdech Techo Hun Sen at a get-together yesterday at Preah Sihanouk province with staff and workers of

the Sihanoukville Autonomous Port.

"While seeking foreign markets, the RGC has been also making its efforts to attract foreign investments so as to create jobs for our people," he said.

In the first quarter of this year, Cambodia's total

trade volume reached US\$3.86 billion, an increase by 21 percent if compared to the same period of 2012, according to the statistics from the Ministry of Commerce. From January to March 2013, the country has exported products in the total amount of US\$1.64 billion, up 21 percent, and imported goods in the total

GDT Collects Some US\$193 Million in Q1

AKP Phnom Penh,
April 11, 2013 –

Cambodia's General Department of Taxation (GDT) of the Ministry of Economy and Finance said

in the first quarter of the year, GDT collected over 772 billion Riel (Cambodian currency roughly US\$193 million), a GDT's press release said. This figure shows an in-

crease by 23 percent if compared with the same period of 2012, it added. H.E. Keat Chhon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance, expressed his ap-

preciation to the increase in tax collections, and urged the tax officers to further improve their services.

EU: Cambodia's Democracy Is On Progress

AKP Phnom Penh,
May 07, 2013 –

H.E. Jean-François Cautain, Head of European Union (EU) Delegation and EU Ambassador to Cambodia, said that Cambodia's democracy continues to see more progress with every passing days.

The EU ambassador made the remarks during an interview here on May 6 related to Cambodian democracy's progress and the upcoming July 28 National Election.

During the interview, the EU ambassador said EU will send its election ob-

servers as usual in order to monitor and serve as impartial witnesses during the election progress as well as sharing consultations with Cambodia's National Election Committee (NEC) to make the election goes smoothly.

The EU also dispatched two officials, Mrs. Maria

Rosaria and Mr. Arnaud Roux to work as NEC's advisors after both sides had discussed the matter for six months.

H.E. Khieu Kanharith Presides Over the World Press Freedom Day 2013 Celebration



Cambodia's Minister of Information H.E. Khieu Kanharith (C) presides over here on May 3, 2013 the World Press Freedom Day 2013 Celebration "Safe to Speak: Securing Freedom of Expression in All Media".
Photo: Hun Yuth Kun

AKP Phnom Penh, May 03, 2013 —

Cambodian Minister of Information H.E. Khieu Kanharith has strongly reacted against the report of U.S. watchdog Freedom House on Freedom of the Press 2013, which ranked Cambodia to 149th among 196 countries.

The reaction was made when the minister led a delegation of national and international journalists to lay wreaths in memory of war correspondents and journalists killed and

missing in 1970-1975 Cambodian war, at a memorial in front of Raffles Hotel Le Royal in Phnom Penh on May 3.

"This is an unacceptable report as the writer does not know Cambodia well, he just sits in the office and listens to this and that, then mixes them together," said H.E. Khieu Kanharith.

"We don't care about the report, the important thing is what we are doing so that our people have access to press freedom and

to secure freedom of expression in all media," he added.

All media professional speakers, who attended a workshop to mark the World Press Freedom Day held on May 3, 2013 at Himawari Hotel, recognized that the press freedom and the journalists' safety in Cambodia is better than other countries in the region, said H.E. Minister. This event was presided over by H.E. Khieu Kanharith and hosted by UNESCO Phnom Penh Office and the Office of High

Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in cooperation with Konrad Adenaur Stiftung (KAS) Foundation, Cambodian Communication Institute (CCI), Club of Cambodian Journalists (CCJ), and the Department of Media and Communication (DMC) under the theme of "Safe to Speak: Securing Freedom of Expression in All Media".

Cambodia ranked 117th regarding press freedom in 2012.

PM Hun Sen Presides Over the Annual Meeting of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen presides over the annual meeting of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to review its achievements in 2012 and set up new goals for 2013 as well as the inauguration ceremony of the new building of the Royal University of Agriculture. *Photo: Chey Phoumipul*

PM: Cambodia Has 9.2 Million Ha of Forest Cover

AKP Phnom Penh, April 27, 2013 – Cambodia still has some 9.2 million ha of forest cover, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen underlined on Friday 27 April 2013 at

the closing ceremony of the annual meeting of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has so far approved 1.5 million ha for economic land concessions, of which about

1.2 million ha or 80 percent for rubber plantation, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said.

The rubber plantation sector is expected to generate some 1.3 million jobs for Cambodian people, a major contribution to im-

proving people's standard of living and increasing the country's economic potential as well as maintaining forest cover as rubber trees are also part of (planted) forests, he added.

Cambodia Stresses on the Importance of the Interpretation of the ICJ's 1962 Judgment

AKP Phnom Penh, April 19, 2013 – Cambodia, in the evening of Apr. 18, closed its oral arguments to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague, on Cambodia's request to interpret the Court's Judgment of June 15, 1962 in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong, as Agent representing the Kingdom of Cambodia, emphasized the importance of the in-

terpretation of the 1962 Judgment, which will end definitely the border dispute between the two neighboring countries.

The Cambodian DPM also explained the need for interpretation of the 1962 Judgment by the disagreement between both sides on the meaning and scope of the Judgment and by the way Thailand have imperfectly applied the provisional measures decided by the Court in its Order of July 18, 2011.

On April 28, 2011, Cambodia submitted to the ICJ its request for the interpretation of the Court's Judgment

of June 15, 1962 in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear. On July 18, 2011, the ICJ ordered Cambodia and Thailand to immediately withdraw their military personnel from the provisional demilitarized zone around the Temple of Preah Vihear; refrain from any military presence within that zone and from any armed activity directed at that zone.

The ICJ's Judgment of 1962 ruled that the Temple of Preah Vihear is situated in territory under the sovereignty of Cambodia. The Court found

that Thailand is under obligation to withdraw any military or police forces, or other guards or keepers, stationed by her at the Temple, or in its vicinity on Cambodian territory. Thailand is under an obligation to restore to Cambodia any objects of the kind specified in the Cambodia's fifth submission which may, since the date of the occupation of the Temple by Thailand in 1954, have been removed from the Temple or the Temple area by the Thai authority.

Cambodia, Thailand Agree to Maintain Stability Along the Border

AKP Phnom Penh, April 25, 2013 –

The Heads of the Government of Cambodia and Thailand have agreed to maintain stability along the border of both countries, H.E. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation told reporters at Phnom Penh International Airport upon the arrival of the Cambodian delegation from the 22nd ASEAN

Summit in Brunei Darussalam.

Cambodian Premier Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen and his Thai counterpart H.E. Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra reached the agreement in a short discussion during a tea break on the sidelines of the 22nd ASEAN Summit this afternoon, he pointed out.

The short discussion focused on the promotion

of peace and friendship building along the common border, he added. Both leaders further expressed their wishes to see the people along the border of both countries live in peace without armed conflict.

Cambodia and Thailand have 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. During the hearings, both sides have been asked to submit border maps with explanation of the "vicinity" near Preah Vihear by Apr. 26, 2013.

The ICJ is expected to issue its ruling before the end of this year.

U.S. Launches Flagship Project to Combat HIV/AIDS in Cambodia

AKP Phnom Penh,
April 10, 2013 —

A five-year Flagship Project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to support Cambodia's fight against HIV/AIDS was launched on 10 April 2013 by U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. William E. Todd.

The US\$30 million initiative, part of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), will focus on individuals at high-risk of HIV infection with services aiming

to prevent the spread of the disease and improve care and treatment of those infected by HIV, said a press release from the U.S. Embassy.

The Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance (KHANA) will lead a consortium of organizations at the forefront of the fight against HIV/AIDS in Cambodia while PSI and FHI360, international NGOs known for their innovation in the global fight against AIDS, will join KHANA to help strengthen Cambodia's national HIV/AIDS response and efficiency, it

pointed out.

The HIV Flagship Project will also focus on reducing Cambodia's dependence on donor funding for the provision of health services.

"The United States is Cambodia's steadfast partner in the fight against HIV/AIDS," said the U.S. ambassador during a ceremony to announce the launch.

"Our Flagship HIV program is just one more step in our journey together towards ensuring an AIDS-free generation in this

country," he added.

The U.S. government is Cambodia's largest bilateral health donor, providing approximately 20 percent of all resources behind its national HIV/AIDS program. Through PEPFAR, the United States provides US\$15 million annually to assist Cambodia with providing HIV prevention, care, and treatment. With U.S. government support, Cambodia since 1998 has reduced its HIV infection rates in half.

Cambodia Will No Longer Produce Salt on Ground

AKP Phnom Penh,
May 03, 2013 —

Salt in Kampot province, Cambodia, will no longer be produced on ground as a new modern technology for producing salt has been imported from Korea by Asia Salt Cambodia Co., Ltd., according to local media reports.

The 120-hectare modern technological salt land area of Salt Producer Community of Kampot province was inaugurated last week under the presidency of H.E. Mrs. Kang

Sao Thun, Deputy Governor of Kampot province, the ambassador of Singapore to Cambodia, counselor of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Cambodia, and representative of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as well as provincial authorities.

Cambodia is expected to have salt for export to Asia and Europe after meeting the local needs, the reports said.

Black plastic will be laid on the ground of farm land to absorb the solar heat so

as to make salt with good quality and hygiene.

Asia salt Cambodia has been produced in accordance with the recommendation of World Bank, said Mr. Peter Bird, Director of InfraCo Asia Development.

The new farm will generate jobs for over 300 Cambodian people, which has contributed to national development through the export of salt to international market in the future, added Mr. Yoo Gi Sang, Chairman of Asia Salt Cambodia, Co., Ltd.

Mr. Bun Bariang, Co-Executive Director of the Salt Producer Community in Kampot and Kep provinces said that the community has 450 hectares of salt land with 193 groups. The new technique is expected to introduce to salt producers in Cambodia, underlined Mr. Bun Bariang, adding that Asia Salt Cambodia Co., Ltd. and its joint-venture partners from Korea and Singapore is expected to produce some 20,000 tons of salt annually.

Golden and Silver Buddhist Statues Found in Stung Treng Province

AKP Phnom Penh, April 22, 2013 –

Sixty six ancient Buddhist statues have been found recently in two jars at a mountain cave by a man in Stung Treng province, some 450 kilometers northeast of Phnom Penh Capital City, according to local media reports.

Of the 66 Buddhist statues, 55 are made of silver, 10 of gold and one of wood,

the reports pointed out.

Those ancient statues are believed to be kept since the 15th and 16th centuries, added the reports.

Also in another related news concerning Khmer Ancient Artifacts the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York City will return two Khmer ancient artifacts, believed to be stolen from Koh Ker Temple complex in

Preah Vihear province during the 1970s, according to local media reports.

H.E. Hap Touch, Director-General of Heritage General Department of Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, said the date of returning the two historical artifacts was not confirmed yet, but the museum pledged to return the stone statues after conducting some investigations and after Cambodian side pro-

vided concrete evidences related to the two statues.

The two Kneeling Attendants are believed to be built in the 10th century and were placed at Koh Ker Temple complex, a remote archeological site in northern Cambodia, some 120 kilometers from Angkor ancient site.

H.E. Khieu Kanharith Presides Over the 2nd Tournament of Phnom Penh International DUATHLON 2013





Cambodia's Information Minister H.E. Khieu Kanharith, Honorary President of Cambodia Triathlon Federation, presides over the 2nd Tournament of Phnom Penh International DUATHLON 2013 held at Koh Pich Convention and Exhibition Center in Phnom Penh on Apr. 28.
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