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King Norodom Sihamoni Visits and Gives Donation to Flood Victims in Kep



AKP Phnom Penh, September 30, 2013

His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, visited flood victims in Kep, a coastal province of Cambodia, on Sept. 28. During the trip, His Majesty the King distributed donations to 286 poor and flood-affected families at Damnak Chang-er district. Many provinces in Cambodia have been facing with flash floods due to heavy rain falls. According to the National Committee for Disaster Management, floods have killed at least 28 people and affected some 73,600 families, as of Sept. 29.

U.S. Embassy Hosts a Conference on “TechCamp Southeast Asia” to Combat Human Trafficking

AKP Phnom Penh, September 26, 2013 –

The Conference on “TechCamp Southeast Asia” to combat human trafficking was held here yesterday at the Royal University of Phnom Penh’s Cambodia-Korea Cooperation Center (CKCC).

According to a press release of the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, “TechCamp Southeast Asia”, a technology conference that will focus on using innovative technology to

combat human trafficking, is a U.S. Department of State initiative to bring together civil society groups and technology experts to create low-cost, easy-to-implement, technological solutions to social challenges around the world.

Organized by Open Institute, World Relief, EZE-COM, and the U.S. Ambassador’s Youth Council, “TechCamp Southeast Asia” was the 2nd conference held in Cambodia, but the first focus on combating human trafficking,

the press release said.

“Across the globe, online technologies have given traffickers an unprecedented ability to reach an ever-growing number of potential victims. TechCamp Southeast Asia aims to help civil society groups leverage the same technologies to stop the traffickers,” it underlined.

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), some 20,9 million people worldwide were victims of human traf-

ficking last year, said Mr. Darren Hulfman, Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, explaining that “one of the reasons derived from the possibility provided by smart phones and internet technology which allows the criminals to have higher potential to communicate with the victims.”

Cambodia’s Construction Sector Increases in Eight Months

AKP Phnom Penh, September 27, 2013 –

Cambodia’s construction sector received a total investment of US\$2,141 million in the first eight months of 2013, up 40 percent from US\$1,533 million at the same period last year, according to a report of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction.

In the January-August pe-

riod this year, there were 1,098 construction projects with an area of 5.5 million square meters approved by the Cambodian authorities against those of 21,213 with an area of 4.7 million square meters at the same period last year, the report said.

The construction sector plays an important role to boost the country’s economic growth, being attributed to the improvement of Cambodians’ live-

lihoods, the political stability in the country, good security and the investors’ confidence on the leadership of the royal government, said a senior official of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction.

The projects included residential units, commercial buildings, hotels, warehouses ..., he said, hoping that at the end of this year the sector will see more increase because the for-

eign and local investors have been applying for infrastructural and construction projects.

Construction sector is one of the four pillars supporting the economy. In 2012, the sector hit a total investment of more than US\$2,000 million, a 72 percent increase over 2011.

Cambodia To Build a 20-Floor Multi-Function Building

AKP Phnom Penh, September 07, 2013 —

Hong Kong Land, a Hong Kong-based multi-corporate company, started yesterday to build a 20-floor multi-function building with an investment value of US\$100 million.

The groundbreaking ceremony was presided over

by H.E. Im Chhun Lim, Senior Minister and Minister of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, and H.E. Mark Gooding, British Ambassador to Cambodia.

This is a modern and large scale building that will contribute to promoting the competitive services of modern shopping, of-

fices, and restaurants in Phnom Penh, said H.E. Im Chhun Lim.

This building will contribute to promoting the tourism sector, and attracting foreign investments, thus to boosting the development of Cambodia, he added.

The building was build

on an area of more than 50,000 square meters comprising of 3 stories underground for parking.

Over 450 Factories Registered in Better Factories Cambodia Project

AKP Phnom Penh, September 26, 2013 —

The International Labor Organization (ILO) made known that over 450 garment factories in Cambodia have been registered in the Better Factories Cambodia Project, according to an ILO's news release issued on Sept. 23.

The main objective of the project was to publicize information of the individual factory including Cambodia's labor work obligation and inter-labor norms which have been received in its survey reports, added the news release.

The project also provided

updated information of workers' strikes and demonstrations in detail as well as the information of relevant unions which tasked with enhancing labor conditions in Cambodia and its demand as well.

Cambodia has over 500 garment factories in the

country so far, which absorbed more than 510,000 labor forces.

French Development Agency Loans a Cambodian Company US\$10 Million

AKP Phnom Penh, September 26, 2013 —

The French Development Agency (FDA) on Tuesday loaned US\$10 million to the Golden Rice, a private milled rice exporter in Cambodia.

The loan agreement was signed here by H.E. Serge Mostura, Ambassador of France to Cambodia, and Mr. Sok Hach, President of Golden Rice (Cambodia) Co., Ltd.

FDA decided to sign the loan agreement based on

the Golden Rice's reliability, the French ambassador said upon the signing ceremony.

Golden Rice is a qualified milled rice exporter not only to the EU and Africa, but also to China, he added.

For his part, Mr. Sok Hach said his company will hire at least 50 new engineers and more workers to boost the milled rice production and export.

Heavy Torrential Monsoon Rain Water Floods Kampong Cham City



AKP Kampong Cham, September 26, 2013 –

Mixed authorities and local people in Kampong Cham City, Kampong Cham province, busily pile sand bags to prevent from further inundation amid heavy torrential monsoon rains being flooded their localities.

Photo: Chhay Muth, AKP-Kampong Cham province

50 Million Bank Project to Push Rice Export

AKP Phnom Penh, September 02, 2013 –

New project between Export-Import Bank of China and Rural Development Bank (Cambodia) will further push Cambodia's commitment to export one million ton of rice by 2015.

Through the project, the Export-Import Bank of China will finance the Rural Development Bank,

owned by the Royal Government of Cambodia, as much as US\$50 million for necessary investments to increase the country's rice export.

“The US\$50-million-worth project of the two banks is just our first step. And the official agreement will be made no later than October this year,” said Mr. Son Kunthor, President of the Rural Development Bank, who met

and discussed the project with Mr. Wang Yi, Deputy Governor of the Export-Import Bank of China, last week in Phnom Penh.

He added that political stability, constant economic growth and financial support from friendship countries will enable Cambodia to hit the goal of one million ton of rice export by mid of the 2010s.

Financial support is very

important because we need the funding not only to build high-quality rice processing factories, but also to operate our rice trading, he said.

In 2013, Cambodia is estimated to export some 350,000 tons of rice.

Kampong Thom Surpasses Rice Cultivation Target



AKP Kampong Thom, September 05, 2013 –

Kampong Thom province, about 170 kilometers north of Phnom Penh Capital City, cultivates some 213.229 ha of rainy season rice, or 101.45 percent of the yearly plan. *Photo: Sum Vanna, AKP-Kampong Thom province*

Cambodia Commits to Increasing the HIV-Sensitivity of Its Social Protection

AKP Phnom Penh, September 20, 2013 —

The National AIDS Authority and the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development have jointly launched yesterday the findings of the national review of the HIV-Sensitivity of social protection.

It is the Cambodia's commitment to increase the HIV-sensitivity of its social protection so that people living with and affected by HIV, and key affected populations better benefit from key services and equal opportunities, according to a press release.

Cambodia has success-

fully reduced HIV prevalence through committed government leadership, effective politics and strong civil society engagement over the last two decades.



it underlined.

Despite this success, HIV still directly affects more than 60,000 household across the country and HIV prevalence remains

high and concentrated among key affected such as entertainment workers, men who have sex with men and people who inject drugs.

release.

Social protection has proven its effectiveness in addressing some critical needs of the poor and vulnerable and specifically

people living with HIV, particularly through Cambodia's national coverage of anti-retroviral therapy, it said.

Over 80 percent of people in need of treatment are receiving it: this compares to only 40 percent coverage in the region, underlined the press release, adding, "However in nearly all socio-economic measurable area, HIV-affected households are worse off than non-affected households and more vulnerable to critical shocks such as loss of employment, income, and other health issues."

Cambodia Angkor Air Launches Regular Flights to Guangzhou City

AKP Phnom Penh, September 27, 2013 —

Cambodia Angkor Air, the national carrier of Cambodia, began yesterday regular flights to Guangzhou City of Guangdong province, China.

H.E. Tekret Samrach, Board Chairman of the Cambodia Angkor Air, said the launching was

aimed at attracting more Chinese tourists and businessmen.

Cambodia Angkor Air will flight from Siem Reap province, home to Angkor temples, to Guangzhou by using Airbus A321 with 176 seats, he added.

The Chinese ranked third on the list of foreign visitors to Cambodia after the

Vietnamese and the South Koreans. According to a data, during the first seven months of this year, some 267,500 Chinese tourists had visited the Kingdom, an increase by 49 percent if compared to the same period last year.

The Cambodia Angkor Air officially launched its operations in July 2009 and currently, the airline has

two ATR-72 aircrafts and three Airbus 321 planes. It is operating domestic flights as well as international flights to neighboring countries such as Vietnam and Thailand.

World Vision Launches the Child Health Now Campaign in Cambodia

AKP Phnom Penh, September 18, 2013 —

World Vision Cambodia launched here yesterday the Child Health Now campaign to bring greater priority and action to address child malnutrition in Cambodia, under the presidency of H.E. Yim Chhay Ly, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD).

“We’ve seen amazing progress in Cambodia, but malnutrition rates remain too high,” said World Vision Country Director Mr. Jason Evans.

“Too often, nutrition is

seen exclusively as a health issue, but to permanently improve nutrition for children we must work with a multi-sector approach that brings together water and sanitation, agriculture, education, health care, the private sector, and other key actors. Ongoing government coordination, under the leadership of CARD, is absolutely critical to our success for children,” he added.

For his part, H.E. Yim Chhay Ly expressed the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC)’s concern over child malnutrition, stressing that improved nutrition can lead to improved education standards, better quality

of labor, improved livelihoods, and reduced health costs nationally

“I believe most people are surprised when they discover the incredible effects poor nutrition can have on a child’s development and then the population as a whole,” he said.

RGC and its partner organizations are committed to promote nutrition among children, pregnant women and women of childbearing age, underlined H.E. Yim Chhay Ly.

According to World Vision, up to 40 percent of children in Cambodia are malnourished and, despite much progress being made

in other areas, this number has seen very little change in the last decade.

Malnutrition can have long term and irreversible impacts. Children who are stunted (a result of persistent malnutrition) are less likely to perform well in school, are less resistant to infection and disease, and are less likely to be productive as adults. Nutrition rates can have direct consequences for Cambodia’s GDP and productivity, so prioritizing nutrition is a smart investment.

Non-communicable Diseases Become Major Public Health Concern in Cambodia

AKP Phnom Penh, September 26, 2013 —

Some 46 percent of the total mortality rate in Cambodia are due to non-communicable diseases (NCDs), especially cardiovascular diseases, cancers, diabetes and chronic

respiratory diseases, said recently H.E. Mam Bunheng, Minister of Health.

Speaking at the Consultative Workshop on National Multi-sectoral Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases last week, H.E.

Mam Bunheng said most of the NCDs were caused by tobacco, alcohol, unhealthy diets, indoor air pollution, and physical inactivity.

According to the figures in 2008 from the Ministry of Health, the mortality

rate from cardiovascular diseases is 21 percent; cancers, 7 percent; chronic respiratory diseases, 5 percent; and diabetes, 3 percent.

Singapore Volunteer Doctors Provide Free Dental Treatment to People in Siem Reap



AKP Phnom Penh, September 13, 2013 –

Mekong Biker, a group A 37-member group of volunteer medical doctors from Singapore, accompanied by okhna Sieng Nam, a lawmaker in Siem Reap province, provides free dental treatment to people in Kralanh district, Siem Reap, on Sept. 12-14. *Photo: Hang Seak, AKP-Siem Reap province*

A Japanese Volunteer Organization Donates Some 160 Wheelchairs to Cambodia



AKP Phnom Penh, September 27, 2013 –

A Japanese volunteer organization donates here on Sept. 26 some 160 wheelchairs to Cambodia's Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation. *Photo: DAP News*

A Group of Bikers Ride 819 km to Raise Fund for a Kindergarten in Siem Reap

AKP Phnom Penh, September 23, 2013 –

Mekong Biker, a group of Cambodian bikers, has been riding for some 819 kilometers in five days from Phnom Penh-Siem Reap-Phnom Penh to raise fund for the rehabilitation

of Angkor Kindergarten.

According to a team member, the group, led by Mr. Khuy Py, a Cambodian businessman, is comprised of 19 bikers, including two women. The bikers started riding on Sept. 21 from Phnom Penh to Siem

Reap and expected to arrive in Siem Reap city on Sept. 23, and they will ride back to Phnom Penh on the following day.

The main aim of this riding is to raise fund for the rehabilitation of Angkor Kindergarten in Siem

Reap and as well as to improve the biking skill, he added.

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