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CAMBODIA DONATES MASKS & SOME MEDICAL MATERIALS TO MYANMAR AND TIMOR-LESTE

Cambodia donated 2 million facemasks and necessary medical materials to Myanmar for combatting COVID-19 pandemic.

The donation was made in the spirit of both nations' long-standing friendship and solidarity, said Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia in a letter sent on 24 November 2020 to H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

"With our collective effort, I strongly believe that we will succeed in the fight against Covid-19,

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AUSTRALIA TO SUPPORT CAMBODIA TO ACCESS COVID-19 VACCINES

Australian government has confirmed support for Southeast Asian countries, including Cambodia, to have access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

The information was shared by H.E. Ambassador Pablo Kang during a meeting with Minister of Health H.E. Mam Bunheng on 20 November 2020.

According to the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh, in the meeting, the two sides discussed support for Cambodia to access and deliver safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, as part of Australia's AUD 500 million regional vaccine initiative.

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SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF LA FRANCOPHONIE TO VISIT CAMBODIA IN 2021



H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation participated in the 37th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie on 24 November 2020.

Ms. Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General of the International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF) has planned to visit Cambodia and its region in 2021 for the implementation of the OIF's economic strategy.

The information was shared by H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, in his speech during the 37th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie (CMF) on 24 November via videoconference.

"We will make this event a success and encourage you to surround yourself with a strong delegation of private entrepreneurs, members of the OIF," he said.

According to the Cambodian top diplomat, the Asia-Pacific region is now the world's leading free trade economic zone. Cambodia invites Francophone entrepreneurs and investors to come and meet their Francophone peers and find synergies.

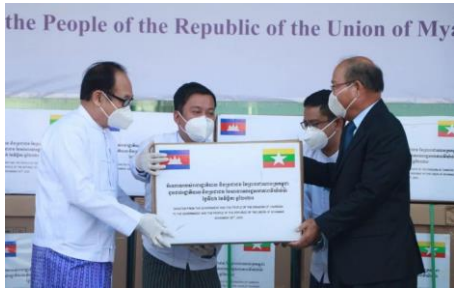
They will meet with business leaders from the public and private sectors and will be offered opportunities to seize.

Regarding the OIF's economic strategy, H.E. Prak Sokhonn noted the low level of economic exchanges between French-speaking countries since the Dakar Summit in 2014, adding that they lacked pragmatism.

"We need concrete goals to ensure poverty reduction for the most vulnerable populations. I propose to adopt at the Djerba Summit, a roadmap with a target of 5 or 6 percent annual growth in economic exchanges between the members of OIF, and the creation of an OIF Economic Observatory," he said.

Indeed, he continued, liberal multi-party democracy requires a vigorous private sector. If Cambodia has gone from a poverty rate of 53 to 10 percent in less than twenty years, it reflects its ability to create an environment of peace and stability for businesses and workers. ■ 1

CAMBODIA DONATES MASKS & SOME...



and we will emerge stronger together,” underlined the Cambodian Premier.

Minister of Health, H.E. Dr. Mam Bunheng, represented Cambodia’s Prime Minister in bringing the donation to Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 26 November 2020.

The donation include 2,000,000 facemasks, 100,000 fabric facemasks, 20,000 masks N95, 20,000 goggles, 20,000 PPE sets, 500 units of intra temperature manual check, 20,000 face shields, 20 ventilator machines for ICU Set, 20 patient monitors+accessories model: Vista 120, 500 containers (25kg each) of ChloramineB Powder, 1,000 sets of safety plastic boots PR, and 2,000 units of hand liquid soap.

In response, H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has sent a letter of appreciation to Cambodian Prime Minister, over the Cambodian donation in medical supplies to Myanmar. She also praises Cambodia’s Prime Minister for success in bringing the COVID-19 virus under control in Cambodia.

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No	Descriptions	Number
1	Face Mask	1,000,000
2	Fabric Face Mask	50,000
3	Mask N 95	10,000
4	Goggles	10,000
5	PPE	10,000
6	Intra Temperature Manual Check	250
7	Face shield	10,000
8	Ventilator Machine for ICU Set	10
9	Patient monitor + Accessories Model: Vista 120	10
10	ChloramineB Powder (25 Kg each container)	250
11	Safety Plastic Boots PR	500
12	Hand liquid soap	1,000

On 29 November 2020, Cambodia has also been donated 1.5 million masks and other necessary medical materials to Timor-Leste to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The donation include 1,000,000 facemasks, 50,000 fabric facemasks, 10,000 masks N95, 10,000 goggles, 10,000 PPE sets, 250 units of intra temperature manual check, 10,000 face shields, 10 ventilator machines for ICU Set, 10 patient monitors+accessories model: Vista 120, 250 containers (25kg each) of ChloramineB Powder, 500 sets of safety plastic boots PR, and 1,000 units of hand liquid soap.

In mid-November, Cambodia also donated the 2 million facemasks and other medical supplies to Laos. This strongly reflects the Kingdom’s commitment to take part in fighting against the COVID-19 global health crisis. ■

CAMBODIA EXPORTS OVER 600.000 TONNES OF MILLED RICE IN FIRST 11 MONTHS

A total of 601.045 tonnes of Cambodian milled rice have been exported to foreign markets during the first eleven months of this year.

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) shared the update in a report on 30 November 2020, adding that the figure shows an increase of 86.896 tonnes or 16.90 percent compared to the same period last year.

Cambodia’s milled rice was exported to 60 countries around the world, including China, 24 countries in the European Union, six countries in ASEAN, and 29 other countries, and 72 companies engaged in the exports, it pointed out.

The rice exports saw an increase in all destinations compared to 2019; that is, 39.09 percent

to China, 31.35 percent to the EU, 13.01 percent to ASEAN nations, and 16.55 percent to other foreign markets, it added.

In November alone, a total of 64.740 tonnes of Cambodia’s milled rice, a year-on-year increase of 15.18 percent, were shipped to foreign markets. ■



NO NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE IN UK FOR TRAVELERS FROM CAMBODIA

The British Embassy in Phnom Penh has recently announced that all travelers from Cambodia are not required to conduct self-isolation anymore.

The travel update has come into effect since 14 November at 4am (UK time), underlined the embassy.

But, it continued, all passengers from Cambodia still need to complete a passenger locator form before they enter the UK and follow all the national restrictions.

Cambodia is one of the latest updated nations in the British government’s travel corridor list, which also include Bahrain, Chile, Iceland, Laos, Qatar, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the United Arab Emirates. ■

QATAR PROVIDES NEARLY US\$14 MILLION TO HELP OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA

Qatar has provided US\$13,823,383 million to help Cambodian out-of-school children to have access to education, especially those at primary level.

H.E. Hang Chuon Naron, Cambodian Minister of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS) and Mr. Khalifa Bin Jassim AL-Kuwari, Director General of Qatar Fund for Development have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the assistance via videoconference on 22 November 2020.

The MoU reflects the cooperation between MoEYS and the Qatar Foundation for Development.

H.E. Hang Chuon Naron expressed his gratitude to Qatar Foundation for Development for its commitment to assist Cambodian school dropouts at the primary level, stressing that the assistance will contribute to ensuring equitable access to education and to enhancing the opportunity for life-long education for all in Cambodia. ■



INSURANCE MARKET CONTINUES TO GROW AMIDST COVID-19

The total insurance market premium reached US\$201.7 million as of the third quarter of this year, an increase of 8.2 percent over the same period in 2019.

The growth was driven by a sharp rise in the general insurance market, which grew by 18.2 percent, the life insurance market by 2.8 percent, but micro-sized insurance saw a decline by 22 percent, according to a report of the Insurance Association of Cambodia on Cambodia's insurance market update in the third quarter of 2020.

The general insurance market continues to grow significantly, with gross premiums of about US\$87.9 million in the third quarter of 2020, up from US\$74.4 million in the third quarter of 2019. The increase in general insurance premiums came from almost all general insurance products, including engineering insurance, ship-aircraft-transportation insurance, health insurance, property insurance, vehicle insurance and other insurance.

The life insurance market grew slightly by 2.8 percent in the third quarter of 2020, while in the same period in 2019, it increased by 49 percent. Gross premiums

for the life insurance market in the first nine months of 2020 reached about US\$109.8 million, up from US\$106.8 million in the same period in 2019. The association said because life insurance products are a form of personal insurance, this small increase indicates the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The micro-sized insurance market is seen to be severely affected by the COVID-19 crisis, said the report, adding that the micro-sized insurance premium in the first three quarters of 2020 reached US\$4.1 million, a year-on-year decrease of 21.7 percent.

The association said the insurance market provides a level of financial security to citizens as well as businesses that have been at risk in the past. The amount of compensation paid by the insurance company to the customer as of the third quarter of 2020 amounted to US\$21.7 million, of which the amount paid by the general insurance companies was US\$16.1 million, US\$4.7 million by life insurance companies, and US\$750,000 by micro-sized insurance companies. ■

E-COMMERCE STRATEGY OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

The Ministry of Commerce has launched an E-Commerce Strategy to further promote Cambodia's businesses' competitiveness, foster productivity and boost exports.

Launched on 25 November 2020, the E-Commerce Strategy developed through the support by the Enhanced Integrated Framework is expected to create more jobs for the locals and enhance national economic growth, eventually.

In his address during the official launch, Minister of Commerce H.E. Pan Sorasak considered the achievement as another step of Cambodia's digital commerce to keep up with the global Industrial Revolution 4.0 – which is a priority of the Royal Government of Cambodia.

The finalization of the strategy, he added, is very well timed, as Cambodia had just

promulgated the E-Commerce Law on 2 November 2019.

The law serves as an important legal basis to protect the interest and build trust of consumers in the industry, and will contribute to attracting more domestic and international investors in the area, said the minister.

E-commerce has become an important discussion topic for leaders in countries regionally and globally, and Cambodia has just ratified the ASEAN E-Commerce Agreement and signed the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement.

The minister was positive that the strategic document will further grease Cambodia's digital economy vision in order to attain the status of a high middle-income country by 2030 and a high-income country by 2050. ■

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"We will provide funding for countries in Southeast Asia to enter into vaccine advance purchase agreements, so that they can be at the front of the queue," the Australian diplomat said.

"Because we know that vaccine safety and efficacy are paramount, our health security partnerships will support national regulators to rigorously assess vaccine candidates. And we will also provide support to ensure countries' health systems are prepared to deliver doses as efficiently as possible," he underlined.

"We are proud to support early access to vaccines for Southeast Asian communities, knowing it will help Cambodia to reopen, rebuild and prosper. We are all in this together," said H.E. Pablo Kang. ■

CAMBODIA REMAINS ONE OF WORLD'S TOP TOURISM DESTINATIONS

Cambodia remains a world's best tourism destination and places to live in 2020, the Ministry of Tourism said, stressing that scores of international institutions and websites specializing in rating the best tourism places around the world.

My International Movers, based in the UK, America, and Australia, in January this year rated Cambodia No. 1 among the top ten friendliest countries in the world to move to.

Outrage Travel on January 30, 2020 characterized Cambodia as one of five safest places to be in Asia.

In March 2020, Cambodia was presented the International Travel Award 2020 by the India-based Pacific Area Travel Writers Association, considering Cambodia as the Best Destination for Heritage.

On 9 October 2020, the Big 7 Travel's publication highlighted Cambodia's Siem Reap province as one of the 7 Most Relaxing Locations in the World.

Facing the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Tourism has promoted safety measures on travel and tourism and the ministry is also preparing a road map to restore tourism 2021-2025.

These ratings reflect the peace and development in all areas of Cambodia, particularly the solidity of the health system, and the participation of all Cambodians in preventing the spread of COVID-19, as well as contribute significantly to attracting more international tourists and investors to visit and invest in Cambodia during and post COVID-19 crisis, underlined the Ministry of Tourism. ■ 3

28 NOVEMBER 2020: 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF LKHON KHOL'S LISTING AS INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE



28 November 2020 is the 2nd anniversary of Lkhon Khol that was registered on the List of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (Nov. 28, 2018-Nov.28, 2020).

Cambodia Lkhon Khol was inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding at the thirteenth

session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage taking place in Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius.

Other Cambodian heritages registered so far on the World Heritage List include the Historic Site of Angkor inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 1992, Preah Reach Troap Dance (Royal Ballet) and Lakhon Sbek Thom (big shadow puppet) proclaimed masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, respectively in 2003 and 2005, the 11th-century Preah Vihear Temple listed as a World Heritage Site in 2008, Teanh Prot (tug-of-war), a popular recreational game, named an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2015, Chapei Dang Veng, a Cambodian two-stringed, long-necked guitar, inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding in 2016, and Sambor Prei Kuk temple complex registered as a World Heritage Site in 2017.

MONDULKIRI TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN SET TO BE APPROVED NEXT YEAR

The Mondulkiri province's tourism development master plan 2020-2035, which will upgrade the eco-tourism province to be an international tourism destination, will be completed before the end of this year and will be submitted for approval from the government in early next year.

The master plan was discussed in a consultation meeting on 26 November 2020, under the chairmanship of H.E. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism. Under the master plan, Sen Monorom city will be developed into a multipurpose development area with various entertainment activities, and the airport zone in O'Raing Ov district will be transformed into a satellite city of Sen Monorom.

Mr. Chuk Chumno, Director of the ministry's Tourism Product Development Department, told reporters that the meeting was aimed to gather more inputs, especially related to the sectors of clean water, electricity, agriculture, mines and energy, land management, airport, SMEs and infrastructures to turn the province into an international tourism destination.

Based on the draft master plan, other four tourism poles of the province are the eco-tourism area in wildlife sanctuaries, ecotourism and indigenous tourism corridor, Koh Nheak district urban zone, and border gate integration area.

