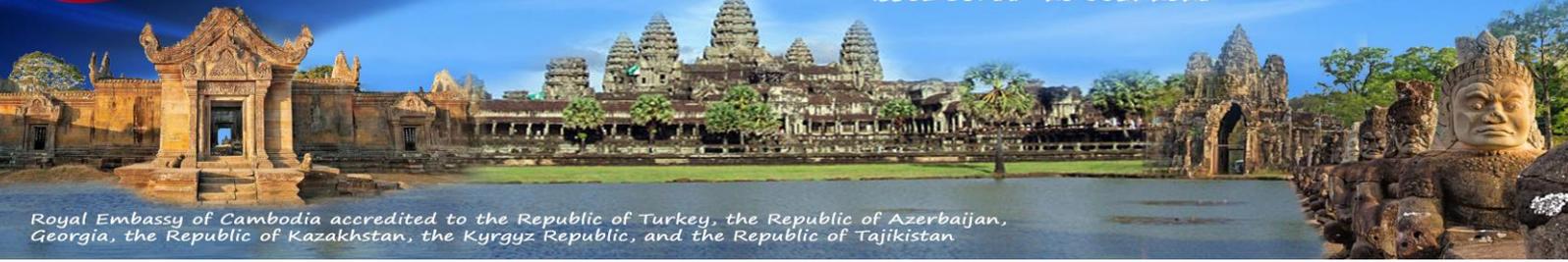




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CAMBODIA ENCOURAGES U.S. TO CONTRIBUTE TO ASEAN'S EFFORT ON COVID-19

Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation encouraged the U.S. to contribute to ASEAN's effort to end the COVID-19 pandemic and emerge stronger from its impact, while also stressing the importance of vaccine multilateralism and equal access to affordable and efficient vaccines, and expressing confidence that the enhanced ASEAN-U.S. partnership will significantly benefit ASEAN Community Building.

The Cambodian top diplomat made the remarks at the Special ASEAN-U.S. Foreign

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CAMBODIA TO VACCINATE CHILDREN AGED FROM 12 TO 17



Soon, school children above 12 will be vaccinated.

Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen reaffirmed that Cambodia will vaccinate the children aged from 12 to 17 years old soon.

In a special voice message on 16 July, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said there are around 2 million children between 12 and 17 years old in Cambodia, so the country needs 4 million more doses of COVID-19 vaccines. The vaccination of younger citizens can be done after the end or at the same time as that of the 18 years and over, currently in progress, he stressed.

Phnom Penh capital and Kandal province remain the priority, followed by Preah Sihanouk province, he said.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen called on all parents and guardians to be ready to bring their children to get vaccinated against

COVID-19 so as to build community immunity for socio-economic resumption, especially school reopening mainly from secondary level up.

The vaccination of children aged 12 to 17 years old will be conducted on a voluntary basis, underlined Samdech Techo Prime Minister.

As of 15 July 2021, 5,417,348 adult people have got their first jab, or 54.17 percent of the planned 10 million people, among them 4,036,510 have been fully vaccinated.

At the same time, Samdech Techo Hun Sen reminded people of strict adherence to health preventive measures, especially the 3 Dos and 3 Don'ts, even though they have already been vaccinated. ■

TURKEY RANKS AMONG ONE OF THE EDUCATION DESTINATIONS FOR CAMBODIAN STUDENTS

Since 2014, Turkey ranks among one of the education destinations for Cambodian students, who are willing to pursue high school, undergraduate or graduate studies.

With more than 500 Cambodian students having studied in Turkey in various academic fields, the number is increasing every year. In addition to the education programmes students enrol in Turkey, the Turkish government also provides scholarships for Cambodian students on the basis of need, academic competence and success.

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Ministers' Meeting via Videoconference on July 14, according to a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Regarding political-security issues, he shared other Ministers' concern on increasing complexities of the challenges arising from geopolitical competition, trade and tech war, climate change and other threats. He emphasized the importance of continued efforts to promote and protect human rights and democracy, while pointing out the need to recognize that no one size fits all.

On the South China Sea, H.E. Prak Sokhonn encouraged all parties concerned to exercise maximum restraint to avoid further escalating the situation and to seek a peaceful solution to disputes in accordance with the international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS. Efforts should be focused on expediting the conclusion of a substantive and effective Code of Conduct in the South China Sea and full implementation of the agreed measures to maintain peace, stability, and security in the region. He also touched on Myanmar crisis, in which he underscored the principle of non-interference and the indispensable role of peace, stability, and prosperity of Myanmar for the region's stability and ASEAN Community Building.

H.E. Prak Sokhonn underlined ASEAN Leaders' five-point consensus reached on April 24, 2021, and ASEAN's political will in supporting a peaceful solution through dialogues.

At the meeting, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and U.S. Secretary of State H.E. Antony Blinken exchanged views on the importance of revitalization of ASEAN-US Dialogue Relations, cooperation to address economic recovery and to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic, including other issues of common concern and interest in the region and beyond.

The Ministers agreed to strengthen ASEAN-U.S. cooperation in order to curb the COVID-19 pandemic, mitigating its impacts, engendering speedy socio-economic recovery, and building resilience against future health-related crisis. ASEAN welcomed the United States' contribution to ASEAN COVID-19 initiatives, including ASEAN COVID-19 Response Fund and ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework.

The Ministers expressed optimism that the agreed Plan of Action 2021-2025 to enhance ASEAN-U.S. strategic partnership, and cooperation through sub-regional mechanisms, including the Mekong-U.S. initiative will bring about fruitful outcomes in many existing areas of collaboration, including in trade and investment, MSMEs, energy and infrastructure and narrowing the development gap, and transnational security issues.

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers and U.S. Secretary of State also exchanged views on a number of regional and international issues with a significant bearing on regional peace, stability and security. ■

ASEM13 IN NOVEMBER TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY



ASEM13 - PHNOM PENH - CAMBODIA

Cambodia has officially announced to host the 13th ASEM Summit (ASEM13) on Nov. 25-26, 2021 virtually.

The announcement was made by H.E. Luy David, Secretary of State and ASEM SOM Leader for Cambodia, at the ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) held from July 7 to 9 via videoconference.

The decision has been made based on the recommendation of the National Committee for Combating COVID-19 that a physical summit is neither safe for ASEM Leaders to attend nor practical as the virus continues to rage on while travel restrictions are being re-imposed by many countries, he underlined.

According to a press release on the outcomes of the ASEM SOM by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Meeting was co-chaired by Cambodia, as the host of ASEM13 and the European Union and attended by all 51 ASEM SOM Leaders as well as the representatives from the EU, ASEAN Secretariat, and Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF).

The Meeting substantively discussed the draft of the Phnom Penh Statement on the Post-COVID-19 Socio-Economic Recovery, which will be one of the two outcome documents to be adopted at the ASEM13. The Statement reflects the ultimate goal of all ASEM leaders to ensure an Inclusive, sustainable and resilient post-pandemic recovery. ASEM SOM Leaders agreed to meet again later this month to finalize the Statement.

The Meeting welcomed with appreciation Slovenia's offer to organize another ASEM SOM, tentatively on Sept. 16-17, 2021, to discuss the ASEM13 Chair's Statement. ■

TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS ACKNOWLEDGE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT

Six major tourism associations and federations have expressed their appreciation for the Royal Government's policies, strategies and measures to support the sector hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis.

They made the appreciation through official letter shared by the Ministry of Tourism on 13 July.

According to H.E. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism, the tourism associations and federations deeply thanked Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen who guides the supports and assistances.

The policies, strategies and measures are contributing significantly to unload the burdens and difficulties faced by tourism industry in Cambodia which is a backbone of growth.

The six associations and federations include Cambodia Association of Travel Agents (CATA), Cambodia Tourism Federation (CTF), Pacific Asia Travel Association-Cambodia Chapter (PATACC), Cambodia Hotel Association (CHA), Cambodia Restaurant Association (CRA), and Cambodia Chefs Society (CCS). ■

TURKEY RANKS AMONG ONE OF THE ...



According to H.E. Ms. Ayda Ünlü, Ambassador of Turkey in Cambodia, she stated that “even though for the last one and a half years, we have been facing the challenges of Covid-19, I am sure as of 2022, the number of Cambodian scholarship applicants will exceed the number in pre-Covid times. Our aim is to strengthen people to people ties and to continue to provide more opportunities for Cambodian students to study and experience Turkey through scholarships.” ■

CAMBODIA DONATES MASKS AND CASH TO VIETNAM IN FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



DONATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA TO CONTAIN THE COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19 IN HO CHI MINH CITY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM



The Royal Government of Cambodia has announced to give some donations to the Vietnamese government to contain the community transmission of COVID-19 in Ho Chi Minh City being seriously hit by the pandemic.

The donations include 1,000,000 facemasks, 100,000 masks N95, 100 units of Oxygen Concentrator and US\$200,000.

The donations reflect the solidarity, friendship and cooperation between the two neighboring countries, especially during this hard time of COVID-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, the Cambodian Red Cross also announced to make a contribution of US\$100,000 while the Cambodia-Vietnam Friendship Association US\$50,000 for the same cause. ■

No	Descriptions	Number	Amount
1	Face Mask	1,000,000	
2	Mask N 95	100,000	
3	Oxygen Concentrator (Unit)	100	
4	Donation in cash from Royal Government of Cambodia		\$ 200,000
5	Donation in cash from Cambodian Red Cross		\$ 100,000
6	Donation in cash from Cambodia-Vietnam Association		\$ 50,000

RGC AND WFP LAUNCH NEW NETWORK BRINGING TOGETHER BUSINESSES IN THE DRIVE FOR BETTER NUTRITION

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and the World Food Programme (WFP) launched the SUN Business Network Cambodia (SBN Cambodia) which brings together some of the most forward-thinking private businesses in the food sector to accelerate progress in nutrition across Cambodia.

According to joint press release, the network has been established by the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) with support from the WFP to encourage collaboration and mutual support between the private sector, business associations, government, civil society and development partners to sustainably contribute to healthy

diets and practices. Twenty businesses have already signed up to the SBN Cambodia as founding members.

About 100 participants from the above institutions attended the launching event to discuss how the private sector can contribute to reducing malnutrition and improving sustainable food system through the realisation of the five strategic pillars of the SBN vision. These include developing a strong SBN brand, increasing nutrition awareness and demand, increasing the supply of nutritious foods and fortified products, strengthening the enabling environment for improved nutrition and promoting health

EXPORT OF NON-GARMENT PRODUCTS RISES BY SOME 50%



Cambodia exported nearly US\$1.9 billion worth of non-garment products to foreign markets in the first six months of 2021.

The figure shows an increase of US\$632.5 million or some 50 percent compared to the same period last year, pointed out a press release of the General Department of Customs and Excise at the Ministry of Economy and Finance after its virtual review meeting chaired by its Director General H.E. Kun Nhim on 15 July 2021.

Non-garment products include bicycle, electronic parts, vehicle spare parts, decorative light bulbs, plywood and so on. The growth of non-garment exports reflects the good outcome of the Royal Government's policy in industrial diversification.

During the six-month period, the export of garment products was valued at US\$4.72 billion, up 0.9 percent, and that of agricultural products - rice, rubber, cassava, cashew nuts, corn, fresh banana, mangoes, etc. - rose by more than 64 percent to US\$1.58 billion.

Last year, the Kingdom shipped US\$17 billion worth of goods, a year-on-year increase of 16.72 percent, while the imports declined by 7 percent to US\$18 billion from US\$20 billion in 2019. ■

and nutrition in communities and the workplace.

SBN Cambodia is a major new milestone for the country in its support of the global Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement with the goal of realising a world free from malnutrition by 2030. It recognises the crucial role that the private sector can play in improving nutrition while contributing to sustainable and economic development. ■

Tourist Attractions

• Capacity City • Cultural Area



Kingdom of Cambodia
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation



Capital City Phnom Penh & Surroundings



Royal Palace

The Royal Palace is a complex of buildings which serves as the loyal residence of the king of Cambodia. The complex includes the Silver Pagoda, the Khemarin Palace, the Throne Hall and the Inner Court.



National Museum

The National Museum contains the world's largest collection of Khmer arts including sculptures, ceramics, bronze and ethnographic objects dating from prehistoric times before, during and after the Khmer empire.

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