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## CAMBODIA, CHINA REACH SIX COOPERATION DOCUMENTS

At the invitation of H.E. Mr. PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. WANG Yi, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, began his official visit to the Kingdom for two days, from 12-13 September 2021.

Both Ministers met for bilateral talks to discuss various aspects such as the fight against COVID-19, trade and investment, education, security and national defense, as well as regional and international issues of common interest and concern.

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## CAMBODIA, TURKEY PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG BUSINESSES

On 15 September 2021, the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the Republic of Turkey in collaboration with Confederation of Industrialists, Businesswomen and Businessmen (SANKON) of the Republic of Turkey, Economic Diplomacy Coordinating Group (EDCG) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Cambodia Chamber of Commerce organized the Turkey-Cambodia Business Forum in hybrid format.

The Forum was presided over by H.E. Dr. Nhim Khemara Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Over 350 participants from Turkey and Cambodia participated in this event.

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## VACCINATION CAMPAIGN OF CHILDREN AGED 6 TO 12 YEARS OLD LAUNCHED



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The event took place here on 17 September 2021 at the Peace Palace under the presidency of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

In Cambodia, there are nearly 1.9 million children aged from 6 to 12 years old. The vaccines for this age group are Sinovac and Sinopharm made in China.

Speaking at a press conference following the launching ceremony of vaccination campaign, Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, said that

Cambodia will be among the most vaccinated countries against COVID-19 in the world. Cambodia aims to build a strong herd immunity by fully vaccinating up to 91 percent of the total population of 16 million.

“This is not considered as a race in COVID-19 vaccination, but it is the obligation of the Royal Government of Cambodia in protecting the lives of its citizens and accelerating the resumption of economic and social activities,” Samdech Techo Hun Sen said.

### Booster Dose Campaign for General Public to Begin in October

The campaign for providing booster doses for the general public will kick off next month on a voluntary basis, said Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen.

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## CAMBODIA, CHINA REACH SIX COOPERATION ...



The Chinese state councilor also joined Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to preside over the handover ceremony the China-funded Morodok Techo National Stadium in Sangkat Prek Tasek, Khan Chroy Changvar, Phnom Penh, which will be the centerpiece venue for Cambodia's 2023 SEA Games.

After that, Samdech Techo Hun Sen and H.E. Wang Yi held a bilateral meeting and witnessed the signing ceremony of six important bilateral documents, including a grant aid of US\$270 million. The Chinese side

pledged to provide three million more doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Cambodia and to import more Cambodian agricultural produce.

The signed documents include the Handover Certificate of Humanitarian Demining Materials to the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority, the Cooperation Agreement on Hospitals Counterpart Support between the National Health Commission of China and the Ministry of Health of Cambodia, and the Handover Certificate of anti-pandemic supplies between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Handover Certificate of China-aided Cambodia landmine clearance project, and the Agreement on the Cooperation Projects of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund were also inked on the occasion. ■

## VACCINATION CAMPAIGN OF CHILDREN ...

The campaign will begin with Phnom Penh capital and the province of Kandal, then other provinces, the Premier added.

The Kingdom has been conducting three COVID-19 vaccination campaigns: for the 18 years old and up, the 12 to under 18 years old, and the 3rd dose or booster dose.

The booster doses have been administered to 806,717 people who are frontline health personnel and officials, senior officials, local officials and the over-60s.

If we add all the figures, Cambodia has so far vaccinated about 72.04 percent of the total population of 16 million. ■

## VIETNAM TO IMPOSE ZERO PERCENT TAX ON 31 COMMODITIES IMPORTED FROM CAMBODIA

Vietnam will impose a zero percent tax rate on 31 commodities imported from Cambodia such as live poultry, poultry meat and by-products, lemons and rice.

The list also includes finished pork products and unprocessed tobacco leaves, among others, according to a decree issued by the Vietnamese Government on September 14.

[Decree No. 83/2021/ND-CP](#) stipulating special preferential import tariffs aims to implement an agreement on boosting bilateral trade between Vietnam and Cambodia in 2021-2022.

The document sets quotas for rice with 300,000 tonnes and unprocessed tobacco leaves, 3,000 tonnes each year.

To enjoy the tariff, the products must have certificates of origin (C/O) form S granted by Cambodia's authorised agencies and undergo customs procedures at border gates as mentioned in Appendix III attached in the decree.

The document will take effect from September 13, 2021 to December 31, 2022. ■

## NEW PHNOM PENH AIRPORT IS 25% COMPLETE



The new Phnom Penh Airport in Kandal province is about 25 percent complete, while the team has been speeding up the construction without any obstacles.

H.E. Mr. Sin Chanserivutha, Undersecretary of State and Spokesperson for Civil Aviation, stated that in the process of construction of the new Phnom Penh International Airport, there are no serious concerns, even though Cambodia is suffering from COVID-19.

He added that when the new Phnom Penh International Airport is completed, it will help raise the profile of Cambodia in the aviation and other related sectors, especially contributing significantly to the national economy.

Cambodia Airport Construction Company (CAIC) is a joint venture jointly established by OCIC and the Secretariat of State for Civil Aviation of Cambodia in 2018 under the guidance of Samdech Techo Hun Sen to build the new Phnom Penh Airport, which is 20 km away from Phnom Penh on a total area of 2600 hectares and the construction project has 3 stages.

The company claims that the construction work for the first phase will cost 1,500 million US dollars, not including the value of the land, which can receive 13 million tourists a year, and the second phase will be completed by 2030, which can receive 30 million tourists per year, and the third phase will be completed in 2050, can receive 50 million tourists per year. ■

## CAMBODIA, TURKEY PROMOTE COOPERATION ...



The business participants from both sides exchanged views and established contact network to follow up business and investment opportunities

in the areas of agriculture (organic products), food processing, textile, leather clothing industry, machinery, maritime equipment, construction, technology, furniture, energy and mining, medical care, tourism and defense industries.

It will also serve as a crucial platform for businesses from both sides to be exposed to new economic opportunities and explore new potentials in pursuit of mutual benefits and prosperity. ■

## WORLD BANK PLEDGES TO SUPPORT CAMBODIA'S SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



The World Bank (WB) has pledged to continue promoting sustainable development of agriculture in Cambodia amid the threat of COVID-19.

The commitment was made by Ms. Maryam Salim, newly-appointed Country Manager of the World Bank for Cambodia in a meeting with H.E. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Phnom Penh on 15 September 2021.

H.E. Veng Sakhon recalled H.E. Maryam Salim on the WB's contribution to supporting Cambodia's agricultural development through its priority projects.

Those projects do not only help improve the household economy, but also ensure food security, and promote climate resilience and innovation to achieve the government's outlook for the export of Cambodian agricultural products to international markets.

The minister asked Ms. Maryam Salim to further support the vegetable production chain in Cambodia, especially in Phnom Penh to ensure quantity, quality, safety and value of the supply.

Ms. Maryam Salim accepted the minister's request and pledged to discuss his request with her team and management.

She hoped that during her tenure in Cambodia, the World Bank will continue close cooperation with all government counterparts, including the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. ■

## CDC APPROVED FORD MOTOR ASSEMBLY FACTORY

The US\$21-million Ford Motor Cambodia's assembly plant project will be built in outskirts of Phnom Penh, creating 500 jobs for the locals.

The information was made known in a virtual meeting held on 14 September between Pursat provincial governor and

representatives of CDC/Cambodian Investment Board and the investment firm – RMA Automotive (Cambodia) Co., Ltd.

Such investment amid COVID-19 outbreak demonstrates confidence of investors in Cambodia's macroeconomic, political and social stability. ■

## AUSTRALIA PLEDGES \$66M FOR ECONOMIC RESILIENCE IN CAMBODIA

Australia plans to provide about A\$90 million (US\$66 million) in funding to Cambodia for a new bilateral project dubbed "Resilience Economic Development", according to the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC) on September 15.

Plans were unveiled at a meeting on September 13 between H.E. Mr. Chheng Yanara, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister and Secretary General of the CDC's Cambodian Rehabilitation and Development Board (CRDB), and Mr. Andreas Zurbrugg, deputy head of mission of the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh.

According to the CDC statement, the initiative would be implemented next year focusing on four priority areas: trade and investment, agriculture and processing of agricultural products, infrastructure and the social and gender inclusion, adding that Australia is committed to continue supporting financing for a number of other projects.

The CDC said Australia would also provide additional funding of about A\$35 million to bankroll the purchase of three million doses of coronavirus vaccines through UNICEF and the World Health Organisation, to underpin the Cambodian government's Covid-19 inoculation drives nationwide.

In addition, the Australian government will provide additional funding for two other initiatives, also planned for 2022-2027: some A\$30 million for Phase II of the Health Equity and Quality Improvement Project (H-EQIP II) and about A\$15 million for Phase II of the Implementation of the Social Accountability Framework (ISAF II).

According to Mr. Andreas Zurbrugg, Australia has provided about A\$66 million in funding for 2021 to support development programmes that focus on security, health, resilience, the economy, agriculture and education.

In response, H.E. Mr. Chheng Yanara highly praised the Australian government's efforts to prop up Cambodia's socio-economic development during the Covid-19 outbreak. ■

# 'ARTBOX' Trick Art Museum in Siem Reap Province

It's an artistic field that draws 2D pictures stereoscopically so that it feels like as if it's alive, accordingly the place where the pieces are exhibited so that the tourists can experience and enjoy are called the 'Trick art museum'. Not only in Korea, but also in many other famous tourist destinations such as Manila, Pattaya, Langkawi, Melbourne and even Shanghai, the trick art museums are explosively becoming the vogue tourist attraction.

## **What is 'SiemReap Art Box'?**

It's the biggest-scale trick art museum in the world to allow 5 million tourists who visit Cambodia every year to see the world heritage sites without any climate interruptions such as sweltering heat or rainy season. It's built by skillful experience and technology that triumphed people both in Korea and many other countries, therefore it can surely be called as the 'supremacy of the trick art'.

## **Take your memory with Art Box**

The museum can be enjoyed both alone and in groups, which makes it a great place to explore with your family and your closest friends.

