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## BOOSTER DOSE CAMPAIGN FOR FRONTLINE WORKER TO START IN CAMBODIA

Cambodia will launch the third dose or booster dose campaign for frontline workers in the second week of this month.

The priority people to receive the booster doses are frontline medical practitioners, both public and private, national and sub-national civil servants, as well as the family members of armed forces personnel and veterans.

This also applies only to those who have been inoculated with either Sinapharm or Sinovac vaccines. For those who have already received AstraZeneca as their first and second

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## CAMBODIA JUMPS TO 82ND IN NIKKEI COVID-19 RECOVERY INDEX

Cambodia was ranked 82nd among 120 countries/regions with a score of 45.0 in the Nikkei COVID-19 Recovery Index as of July 31, up from 105th (32.0) on July 7.

China got the highest score (74.0), followed by New Zealand (69.5) and Hungary (69.0), while Japan is behind Cambodia with 44.5.

For other countries in the ASEAN region, Singapore came in 7th place with 66.0, Laos 103th with 35.5, the Philippines 106th with 35.0, Malaysia and Indonesia 114<sup>th</sup>

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## CAMBODIA COMMITTED TO PROMOTE ASEAN'S PEACE, STABILITY AND PROSPERITY



The 54th Commemoration of ASEAN Day, 8 August 2021.

Cambodia is committed to strengthen and promote peace, stability, security and prosperity in the ASEAN region for the people's well-being.

The commitment was emphasized by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on the ASEAN Day 2021 (8 August).

More importantly, he added, with the strong support and solidarity of ASEAN member countries and external partners, Cambodia will strive to ensure tangible benefits for the region's people without leaving anyone behind.

"Our immediate priority now is to ensure a more satisfactory outcome of ASEAN's efforts to recover from the COVID-19 crisis with greater resilience. Our urgent task is to continue strengthening cooperation in carrying out measures under the five comprehensive strategies of the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework, including:

(1) strengthening health system, (2) strengthening human security, (3) expanding the potential of ASEAN markets and broader economic integration, (4) accelerating inclusive digital information, and (5) taking a step towards a sustainable and resilient future," he underlined.

Furthermore, the Premier expressed Cambodia's intention to accelerate the process of ASEAN Community building by focusing on achieving key goals and initiatives already agreed under the detailed plans of the three ASEAN pillars by 2025, including the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan IV. "At the same time, we are committed to making ASEAN an important region for trade, investment and global supply chains by maximizing the benefits of existing free trade agreements and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) recently signed," he said.

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## CAMBODIA COMMITTED TO PROMOTE ...

"As we prepare the groundwork for the ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision, Cambodia will continue to push for a more vibrant and harmonious ASEAN Community. We will strive to enhance the protection of migrant workers and increase support for a green and inclusive development agenda. The transition to digital technology for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and women and youth entrepreneurship are the areas on which we need to focus," Samdech Techo Hun Sen pointed out.

MSMEs are the backbone of our local economy and represent 99 percent of all business entities, mostly owned by women (60 percent in Cambodia) and employ more than 80 percent of labour force in the ASEAN member countries, he said, adding that supporting this sector will not only help restore and promote sustainable economic growth, but also ensure that we do not fail to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

As there is a growing recognition that women have a role to play beyond socio-economic development, he continued, Cambodia will push for support for the Women for Peace and

Security Agenda. In addition, we wish to enhance ASEAN's international reputation and its active contribution to peacekeeping and peacebuilding operations under the UN umbrella through activities such as humanitarian mine action, while the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre can play an important role.

"Cambodia appreciates ASEAN as an organization with a vision to the outside world. As we strive to unite all Southeast Asian nations into one strong family, we will also strive to further deepen and broaden our relations and cooperation with external partners in the spirit of equality, mutual interests and respect. Cambodia will seek to explore the potential for enhancing partnerships with existing ASEAN Dialogue Partners and expanding the ASEAN external partnership list based on ASEAN principles, including the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific. To overcome negative geopolitical trends, we are committed to enhancing an agenda that promotes the spirit of cooperation and support for the ASEAN centrality, as well as regional peace, stability and progress," said Samdech Techo Prime Minister. ■

## NEARLY 300 CAMBODIAN PEACEKEEPERS TO LEAVE FOR THEIR MISSION IN MALI



Nearly 300 Cambodian blue beret troops, including 26 women, will leave for the UN peacekeeping mission in the Republic of Mali in mid-September, replacing their counterparts who are going to end their mission soon.

The nearly 300 peacekeepers belong to the Unexploded Ordnance Squadron Unit 288 and the Airport Maintenance Engineering Squadron Unit 927.

Since 2006, Cambodia has deployed more than 6,500 peacekeepers, including 300 women, to join the UN peacekeeping missions in Sudan, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, Chad, Cyprus, Lebanon, Mali, and Syria. ■

## BOOSTER DOSE CAMPAIGN FOR FRONTLINE...

shot, will not be entitled to the booster shots until further notice.

Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen said at the handover ceremony of UK-donated 415,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine at Phnom Penh International Airport on 05 August that the AstraZeneca vaccine, which is a valuable humanitarian donation from the Government and people of the United

Kingdom, will be used in the Third Dose or Booster Dose Vaccination Campaign.

The Premier also requested the United Kingdom to continue to provide humanitarian assistances in the form of vaccines, as well as to facilitate Cambodia in ordering additional AstraZeneca vaccines to meet future needs. ■

## CAMBODIAN CASHEW NUTS AND PEPPERS GO ON SALE ON ALIBABA WEBSITE

The Secretariat of the Entrepreneurship Development Fund (EDF) has selected cashew and pepper products for sale on Alibaba Platform. The selection was made at an online meeting on August 3, chaired by H.E. Chea Kokhong, EDF Secretariat Director with an Alibaba.com representative.

During the meeting, the meeting discussed issues such as sharing good experiences on cooperation with the government to facilitate

exports, including logistics issues and simplification of the two countries' customs procedures and development programs. Cambodian entrepreneurs to be able to find strategic partners and digitally market their products for the Chinese market.

As a result, on August 6, Alibaba has launched its Cambodian cashew and pepper products on its website. ■

## BAN OF ALL FOREIGN ARRIVALS FROM INDIA LIFTED

All Indian citizens and other foreign nationals travelling from India or across the country are now allowed to enter Cambodia.

The Kingdom this evening announced to lift the travel ban imposed temporarily since April 27, 2021.

The lifting was made in a press release of the Ministry of Health, after getting the approval from Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and thanks to better COVID-19 situation in India.

The new decision comes into effect from 6 August at 23:59 onwards, underlined the same source. ■

## PATA, BBC PLEDGE TO SUPPORT CAMBODIA'S TOURISM REOPENING

The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and the British national broadcaster BBC have pledged to support Cambodia's tourism reopening plan and help promote the information.

The pledge was made in a recent interview with Cambodia's Ministry of Tourism via Zoom on "Destination Insights Series" organized by PATA

in collaboration with BBC, focusing on the current trend during the crisis of COVID-19 and tourism recovery.

In the interview with BBC, H.E. Thong Rathasak, Director General of Tourism Development and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Tourism, underlined the Royal Government's effort in supporting tourism businesses and workers, and preparing a strategic framework for a safe reopening of tourism in the country.



The Cambodia's tourism reopening plan will be implemented in late 2021 and will pay a prime attention on people's health and public safety in cooperation with all concerned authorities and stakeholders.

The Royal Government has introduced series of COVID-19 response and containment measures factoring in all implicated areas, and is pushing hard to build the immunity through strategic vaccination campaigns. ■

## SIEM REAP AIRPORT REMAINS OPEN FOR FLIGHTS AMID COVID-19 CRISIS



Siem Reap International Airport on 8 August served an Airbus-330 flying from Basel – Switzerland for a rest-stop and the aircraft headed to Hong Kong later on the same day. This is a testament to the readiness of the

airport's teams and authorities to cater to their customers, said the Cambodia Airports, the developer of the three international airports in Cambodia.

"Seeing the A-330 landing and taking-off was the silver lining for the whole airport community that has been heavily impacted by the disruption of activities," it stressed.

The airport is fully open and has deployed health safety measures for its stakeholders. ■

## CAMBODIA-U.S. BILATERAL TRADE UP OVER 37 PERCENT IN FIRST SEVEN MONTHS

The two-way trade between Cambodia and the U.S. saw a year-on-year increase of 37.84 percent to more than US\$4.07 billion in the first seven months of 2021.

Figures from the Ministry of Commerce show that from January to July 2021, Cambodia exported over US\$3.8 billion worth of goods to the U.S., up 37.26 percent compared to the same period last year.

At the same time, the Kingdom's imports from the U.S. were amounted to over US\$209 million, up 49.62 percent, added the same source.

Cambodia's products exported to the U.S. are mostly garment, footwear and travel products, while the main imported products are vehicle, animal feed, and machinery, etc. ■

## QUALITY MOBILE SERVICES TO BE AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE BY 2027

Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication has planned to boost the installment of mobile towers in all communes nationwide by 2027, aiming to improve cell phone signal, according to H.E. Minister Chea Vandeth, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications in a press conference held on 9 August.

Internet access has been difficult in some areas due to a number of problems ranging from many high-rise buildings to lack of signal booster and low quality of cell phone, he explained, adding that some mobile companies focus only on the urban or crowded areas.

There are some 17.48 million mobile internet subscribers in Cambodia as of April this year, a 7 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

The number of registered SIM cards has dropped by 0.05 percent to 20.81 million, an equivalent to 123 percent of the total population of 16 million. Five mobile service providers are operating in Cambodia. ■

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with 30.0, while Vietnam and Thailand stay at the bottom with the same score of 22.0.

Nikkei COVID-19 Recovery Index ranks more than 120 countries/regions on infection management, vaccine rollouts and social mobility at the end of each month.

A high ranking indicates that a country/region is closer to recovery with its low numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases, better vaccination rates and/or less stringent social distancing measures. ■



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## Intangible Heritage of Humanity

**Apsara Dance**

Apsara Dance "the Royal Ballet of Cambodia", a masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, Date of Proclamation: November 2003.

**Lkhoan Sbek Thom**

Lkhoan Sbek Thom "the big shadow puppet" a masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, Date of proclamation: November 2005.

**Lkhoan Khorl**

Lkhoan Khorl - The Humanity's Intangible Cultural heritage, Date of proclamation: November 28, 2018.

**The Tug-Of-War-Game**

"The Tug-Of-War-Game" –The Humanity's Intangible Cultural Heritage, Date of proclamation: December 02, 2015.

## Tangible Heritage of Humanity & World Wonders

**Angkor Wat**

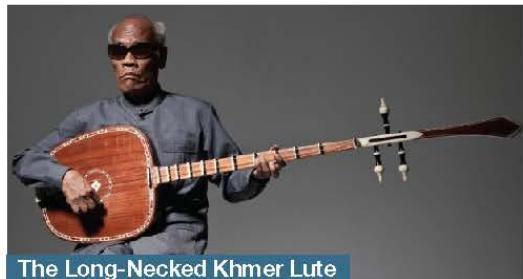
Angkor Wat Temple-Heritage of Humanity and World Wonder, Date of Proclamation: December 14 1992.

**Preah Vihear Temple**

Preah Vihear Temple-The sacred site of Preah Vihear Temple-The World Heritage, Date of Proclamation: July 07 ,2008.

**Sambo Prei Kuh Temple**

Sambo Prei Kuh Temple-The World Cultural Heritage, Date of Proclamation: July 07,2017.

**The Long-Necked Khmer Lute**

The Humanity's Intangible Cultural Heritage, Date of proclamation: November 30, 2016.