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The First ever visit of Samdech Techo Hun Sen Prime Minister of Cambodia to Kuwait from 13-16 January 2009

Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia held official talks in Bayan Palace with his Kuwaiti counterpart His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. The discussion focused on various forms of cooperation as well as bilateral relations between both countries and international issues of common interest. Both sides signed MOUs and Agreements on exchange of labor, Kuwaiti technical aid to build a hydro-power plant, irrigation systems and roads, on tourism and organization of aviation services.

Minister HOR Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Exchange of Notes on the extension of a Grant Aid up to the amount of Y 255,000,000 for the improvement of Roleang Chrey Head works and Infection Disease Control.

Meanwhile, the visiting Minister handed over the Demining Machinery amounting to Y 484,000,000.

World Bank to provide US\$10 Million to Cambodia



Japan provides Grant aid to Cambodia



The Commitment was made by the World Bank Regional Director for Southeast Asia Ms. Annette Dixon during a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance Keat Chhon on January 13, 2009 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for the agriculture sector.

During his visit to Cambodia on 10-11 January 2009, H. E. Mr. Nakasone Hirofumi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, signed with H. E. Deputy Prime

New Body to Regulate Foreign Marriage

The Association for People Protection (APP) was licensed by the Ministry of Interior on December 12, 2008 to provide free consultations on marriage to foreigners. The duty of the Association is to help people applying for passports and visas to Cambodians to marry to foreigners legally.

Cambodian National Assembly Chairman visited Laos

Samdech Heng Samrin, Chairman of the Cambodian national assembly, paid an official visit to Laos and attended the 17th annual meeting of Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum held on 11-15 January 2009.

Japan supports Peaceful solution to the border conflict between Cambodia and Thailand

Before arriving in Cambodia, during his meeting with Thai Foreign Minister in Bangkok, H.E. Mr. Nakasone Hirofumi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, told his counterpart that Japanese Government wishes to see the Cambodian-Thai border dispute to be solved in a peaceful way.

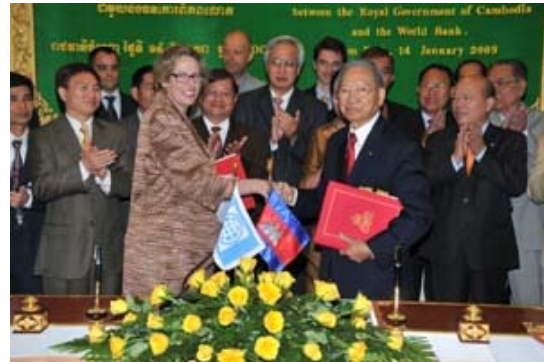
USA Government provides about US\$635,000 to Cambodia

The United States planned to provide about US\$635,000 to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces in 2009 in order to promote the RCAF's capacity for crime prevention such as drug trafficking and production, human trading etc.

It is worth noting that the USA government provided more than US\$7 million in military aid and US\$60 million in the development aid to Cambodia in 2008.

World Bank provides US\$84.6 Million Grant for National Development in Cambodia

On 14 January 2009, there was a signing of three grant agreements totaling US\$ 84.6 millions between Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister H. E. Keat Chhon, Minister of Economy and Finance and Mrs. Annette Dixon, WB director to Southeast Asia.



The first agreement for 20 million USD supports the Demand for Good Governance Project (DFGG) which aims at improving the government's accountability and responsiveness to the needs of the public. The second agreement, worth 52.1 million USD, provides additional resources to the Second Health Sector Support Program (HSSP2), which is designed to help the government improve the health of the nation's underprivileged mothers and children. And the third agreement, worth 12.6 million USD is the project for the development of trade field in Cambodia.

Cambodia to hold Election for Councils of Capital City and Provinces in May 2009

The Acting Prime Minister Sar Kheng in a meeting on January 15, 2009 cited that Cambodia is going to hold the first ever election for the councils of capital city, provinces, cities, districts and Khans on May 17, 2009.

Up to now, Cambodia has a capital city, 23 provinces, 159 districts, 8 Khans, 1,417 communes and 204 Sangkats.

Three cities: Sihanouk, Kep and Pailin have been changed to provinces; three towns: Poipet of Banteay Meanchey, Soung of Kampong Cham and Bavet of Svay Rieng provinces have been upgraded to districts(equal to cities).

Cambodia, Vietnam National Assembly Promote Cooperation



Samdech Heng Samrin, Chairman of the Cambodian National Assembly, honorary president of the Cambodian People's Party, arrived in Hanoi on January 15 for a five day official visit at the invitation of his counterpart Nguyen Phu Trong.

The relation between the two legislative agencies has been raised to new heights through the signing of an agreement between the Cambodian and Vietnamese national Assemblies.

Panama Tourist Ship Docks at Sihanoukville Seaport

The Panama Tourist Ship Azamara Quest taking 570 multi-national tourists docked at Sihanoukville International Seaport of Cambodia on January 14, 2009.

There were many tourists such as British, Americans, Australians, and Canadians. This was the first of its kind of ship to arrive in the Kingdom of Cambodia in 2009. The ship has cruised across

Thailand and Cambodia before proceeding on the same day to Singapore with more than 71 tourists on board and is going to dock at the Cambodia Seaport again in late January 2009.

UNDP's Assistance to TVK's Equity Program

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has planned to continue its assistance with Television Kampuchea's (TVK) Equity program for another two years from 2009 to 2010. The Minister of Information, Khieu Kanharith treated the Equity program as a good model for the cooperation between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations, through which he said more Cambodian people understood and a process of democracy would penetrate the Cambodian Society.

Khmer Kite wins first price in International Competition



Khmer kite won first price in an international competition held in India on January 10 to 14, 2009 among more than 180 competitors from 31 countries around the world.

Cambodia's Stand on Peaceful Coexistence

Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN said Tuesday Cambodia's stand on a solution to the border dispute between Cambodia and Thailand was to prevent the armed

clashes and confrontation between two nations.

He also confirmed the Royal Government of Cambodia's position as opposed to that of the opposition parties in Cambodia and the border committee in France, saying that Cambodia adhered to the bilateral talks between the two nations, reduced the dispute, boosted the cooperation with the neighboring countries and prevented the row from heading to an influence over the sectors such as business and trade, investment or sports.

The premier said that Thai government accepted to solve the border issue between the two countries based on the Franco-Siamese Convention of 1904 and Treaty of 1907.

He said he got ready to hold a talk with Thai prime minister on Cambodian-Thai border issue by a way of peaceful coexistence, indicating that he will not raise the border dispute between the two countries for discussion in the ASEAN meeting.

Thai Foreign Minister visited Cambodia

At the invitation of H. E. Deputy Prime Minister Hor Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, H. E. Mr. Kasit Piromya Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from January 25 to 26, 2009.

During the visit, His H. E. Mr. Kasit Piromya was received in Royal Audience by His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia and paid courtesy calls on Samdech Akka Moha Thamma Pothisal CHEA SIM, President of the Senate, Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea

Chakrei HENG SAMRIN, President of the National Assembly and Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Besides, H. E. Mr. Kasit Piromya also held a bilateral meeting with H. E. Deputy Prime Minister Hor Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia.



Cambodia and Thailand have agreed to solve their border conflicts soon in peaceful and friendly manner.

The redeployment of the remaining troops from the Keo Sikha Kiri Svava Pagoda and the areas surrounding the pagoda will be discussed during the visit of Thai Defense Minister on February 6, 2009.

The Cambodian-Thai Joint Commission on Demarcation for Land Boundary (JBC) will meet on February 2 -4 to solve the border dispute, and there will be a meeting in March or before March of the joint technical commission to examine the overlapped maritime zone.

Both Sides also shared the same ideas on their cooperation in fields of economy, cultural and tourism.

US Investors come to study about Investment Possibilities in the Agricultural Fields in Cambodia

An investment company from Ohio, USA, has come to Cambodia to study about the investment possibilities in the field of agriculture and choosing Kampong Thom Province as its priority area.

with what she had seen in four-year period (1997-2000), when she worked at the US Embassy in Cambodia.

Deputy Prime Minister, H .E. Mr. Hor Namhong said the development is also inseparable from the US assistance on education, health, military and a process of Khmer Rouge leaders' tribunal.

Paris Court convicts Sam Rainsy of Defamation

On 27 January 2009, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong won his case against Mr. Sam Rainsy, the opposition party leader in Cambodia on defamation, ruled by Paris Court.

Deputy Prime Minister, Hor Namhong has held a defamation lawsuit against Mr. Sam Raninsy in the Paris Court due to Sam Rainsy hold a French Passport.

According to the Paris Court's rule, Mr. Sam Rainsy and his French book editor Jean- Etienne Cohen-Jeat have to pay one Euro to H.E. Hor Namhong as symbolic damage plus 4.500 Euro as well as another 1.000 Euro to French government and also ordered to delete a paragraph 209th that stated H.E. Hor Namhong is a Khmer Rouge's colleague.

