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POLITICS

Cambodian King Visits Japan



His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni has been paying a state visit to Japan to boost the bilateral ties of friendship and cooperation between the two kingdoms.

The state visit by His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni to Japan is made at the invitation of His Majesty Akihito, the Emperor of Japan.

The Cambodian king was seen off at Phnom Penh International Airport on May 16 by Senate President Samdech Akka Moha Thamma Pothisal Chea Sim, National Assembly President

Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen and other Cambodian Senate, National Assembly and government officials.

Foreign ambassadors to Cambodia were also present.

The Cambodian king is expected to return home on May 22.

Cambodian Premier Presides Over the 65th Anniversary of the Formation of the National Police



The Ministry of Interior held a meeting to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Formation of the National Police on May 17 in the

presence of Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen.

Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Sar Kheng, Minister of Interior said the aim is to make the national and the international communities, mainly the police forces, aware of the historic activities and all the achievements gained by the national police in maintaining the national security, the public order and the social safety.

In his speech, Samdech Techo Hun Sen supported a theme of “Village and Commune have security” suggested by Interior Minister H.E. Sar Kheng.

The Cambodian Premier asked for a close cooperation with concerned institutions, mainly the participation of the local mechanism, in response to the matter.

He elaborated on the activities to make the theme successful, saying we should join together.

The Cambodian Premier also supported the role of women in holding office as high officials of the Ministry of Interior.

Cambodia Calls on Thailand to Resume Peaceful Talks to Restore Peace

The Spokesman of the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has issued a statement urging all parties concerned in Thailand to resume peaceful talks

in order to achieve a political settlement to the current stand-off.



The full statement dated May 17 reads as follows:

1-Cambodia, as a neighboring country and a member state of ASEAN is very concerned by the increasingly severe violence in Thailand. The current awful situation in Thailand has gravely affected not only Thailand’s image, but also that of ASEAN as well.

2-The Royal Government of Cambodia urges all parties concerned in Thailand to resume peaceful talks in order to achieve a political settlement to the current stand-off and restore peace and normalcy to the Thai people, thus stability in the region.

3-The Cambodian people’s only wish is to see the friendly Thai people enjoy a normal and peaceful life.”

Cambodia Hosts 2010 IYF World Camp



Thousands of students from the Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Thailand and many other countries

have been participating in the 2010 IYF World Camp in Cambodia.

The four-day international event was opened here on Monday in the presence of Cambodian Minister of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS) H.E. Im Sethy, MoEYS officials, International Youth Fellowship (IYF) President Mr. Doh Ki Kwon, with the participation of some 1,650 youth representatives from different countries.

Organized by IYF in cooperation with MoEYS, the World Camp aims to educate the young people of volunteer work and leadership, to teach them how to solve family and social issues in the future, to spiritually develop them, to promote cooperation among them, and to encourage them to be interested in social and public affairs.

IYF has its branches in 80 countries, including Cambodia. In 2010, IYF is scheduled to organize such a camp in 30 different countries.

PM Wishes Investment in Motor Pump and Plowing Machine Production

Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen warmly received here on Wednesday visiting Wang Weiguo, CEO of the Deep Forest Investment Limited.

In the meeting, the Cambodian Premier asked the Chinese company to consider setting up a factory to produce motor pumps and plowing machines in Cambodia, Ieng

Sophalet, assistant to Samdech Techo Hun Sen told reporters upon the meeting.

The Prime Minister further recommended the company to continue to work with the Cambodian side to discuss the areas, in which it would like to invest.

For his part, Mr. Wang Weiguo said his company wished to invest in the Special Economic Zone and had conducted a study to open a school of agriculture in Cambodia. He also said he had met with officials of the Cambodian Ministry of Public Works and Transportation, and Senior Minister Sun Chanthol regarding the investment in infrastructure construction, including road and railway construction.

In reply, Samdech Techo Hun Sen welcomed the Chinese company's intention to invest in Cambodia, pointing out the country's four investment prioritized areas – agriculture, transportation and telecommunications, electricity, and human resource development.

Cambodia-China Strengthen Cooperation in Drug Control

Drug control authorities of Cambodia and China met in Phnom Penh Tuesday to review their cooperation in drug control, as part of their implementation of MOU on combating drug trafficking and drug use signed in 2008.

Present at the meeting were on Cambodian side Ke Kim Yan, Deputy Prime Minister and

President of the National Authority for Combating Drug (NACD), and Mek Dara, NACD Secretary-General; and on Chinese side was Lie Yuejin, Under-Secretary General of the Drug Control Committee of the People's Republic of China.

During the meeting, Ke Kim Yan requested the Chinese delegation to help strengthen the capacity in enforcement of Anti-Drug Law of Cambodia and to provide Cambodia with the equipment for drug suppression operation.

He also asked the Chinese side to assist in setting up the rehabilitation centers for drug addicts and small-size drug laboratories as the NACD planned to establish two more centers in the north-eastern region.

In reply, the Chinese delegation said they would take the requests into consideration for the possibility of assistance.

In another separate meeting on the same day, both sides exchanged the information on the situations of drug issues, and experiences relating to law enforcement, drug control, detoxification and rehabilitation of drug addicts, and the exchange of visits by the two counties' delegation.

147th Anniversary of World Red Cross and Red Crescent in Cambodia

Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen presided over here on May 8 the celebration of the 147th

Anniversary of the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day under the theme of "Save Life, Change Behavior".



Based on the dialectics, humanity is the spirit of Cambodian ancestors prescribed in our history centuries ago, said Samdech Techo Prime Minister, this spirit is blossoming in today's Cambodians and has transformed into what we call "the culture of sharing".

Cambodia's first lady, Cambodian Red Cross President Lok Chumteav Bun Rany Hun Sen, expressed her thankfulness to the government under the leadership of Samdech Techo Hun Sen and to the kind heart of the King, King-Father and Queen-Mother of Cambodia who have been supporting the Cambodian Red Cross both in kind and cash.

The Cambodian Red Cross was officially established on February 18, 1955 with an increasingly active humanitarian role to play with disaster victims, the spread of deadly diseases, and sanitation at the grassroots communities, as well as other charitable missions.

On the occasion, the Cambodian Red Cross raised, according to the primary calculation, more than US\$7 million from charitable people.

60th Cambodia-U.S. Diplomatic Relations Anniversary To Be Inaugurated with Free Concert



The U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh inaugurated its celebration of the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cambodia with a free concert in the park across from Wat Botum Vattey at 19:00 on the evening of May 13, 2010.

The concert was headlined by the Los Angeles Band Dengue Fever

which is led by Chhom Nimol, a well known Cambodian vocal artist, said a press release of the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh dated Monday, adding that the DJ and hip hop artist Pou Khlaing will open the event which will highlight the cultural connections between the two countries.

“The U.S. Embassy is thrilled to be able to host Dengue Fever for a free concert in Phnom Penh on May 13, 2010, as part of our celebration of the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Cambodia and the United States,” said Carol A. Rodley, U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia.

On July 11, 1950 the U.S. officially recognized Cambodia and both countries will commemorate the anniversary with

a series of events in Phnom Penh and in Washington that will be announced later in the year.

Dengue Fever is Cambodian songstress Chhom Nimol, Zac Holtzman (guitar/vocals), Ethan Holtzman (keyboards), Senon Williams (bass), Paul Smith (drums) and David Ralicke (horns). They have released three albums, Dengue Fever, Escape From Dragon House Venus On Earth and the DVD/CD soundtrack to the band’s documentary Sleepwalking Through The Mekong, in addition to a collection of lost Cambodian classics, Dengue Fever Presents: Electric Cambodia. They are based in Los Angeles.



Cambodia Opens Its Economy to All Investors



“Cambodia has great potential in many sectors and it has opened its economy to all investors and treats both local and foreign investors equally,” said Cambodian

Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen .

“We have opened our economy for foreign direct investments in all sectors including banking, insurance, and telecommunications when in many countries, in such sectors, foreign investors are not allowed to control 100% of the shareholding, without local participation requirement,” the Cambodian premier told a Cambodia-Malaysia Business Forum held here on May 10.

Cambodia has great potential in several important

sectors such as agriculture, agro-industry, infrastructure, labor intensive industries, export oriented industries, oil and gas, mining and tourism, said Samdech Techo Hun Sen, stressing that these sectors have not been fully capitalized and still offer many investment opportunities.

“In that context, I wish to invite the Malaysian businessmen who have not yet visited Cambodia to come for fact findings, to explore investment opportunities, to meet and discuss with the Cambodian business community looking for partnership, to join

hands together to ensure the success of their ventures,” he added.

For his part, the Malaysian premier, Dato’ Sri Mohamad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, who co-chaired the forum, said Malaysia has been the biggest investor in Cambodia for 14 consecutive years with investments totaling US\$2.19 billion. Cumulative Malaysian investments in Cambodia during the past two years totaled US\$118 million.

Anyway, he called on both sides to broaden the number of goods traded between the two nations. “Currently, our trade base is very narrow, confined to a few products on both sides. Malaysia’s main exports to Cambodia include chemical products, machinery, appliances and electrical products, while we import mostly textiles, clothing, raw rubber, and logs from Cambodia. “I believe that there is still an opportunity to expand the scope of products and services that can be traded between our two countries,” he said.

Cambodia Asks Malaysia to Help Promote Its Investment in the Country



Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen has asked his visiting Malaysian counterpart

Dato’ Sri Mohamad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak to help promote Malaysian investment in Cambodia.

During their talks here this morning at the Office of the Council of Ministers, Samdech Techo Hun Sen urged the Malaysian leader to help promote Malaysian investment in the field of agriculture in Cambodia, Ieng Sophalet, assistant to Samdech Techo Hun Sen told reporters upon the talks.

For his part, Mr. Dato’ Sri Mohamad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak told the Cambodian premier of his visit in Cambodia, the purpose of which, he said, is to further strengthen and expand the bilateral ties and trade between the two countries. He also pledged to do his best to encourage more Malaysian investors to invest in Cambodia.

On the occasion, the Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen thanked Malaysia for its assistance to Cambodia, especially for its 106-kilometer used railway’s track to build the 48-kilometer missing link connecting Sisophon district to Poipet city, its acceptance of Cambodian labor force to work in Malaysia, which up to now amounted to 25,445 workers, and its assistance to Cambodia’s human resource training.

Cambodia Export 3,000 Tons of Organic Rice

Cambodia plans to export as many as 3,000 tons of organic rice by the year end, the chief of

private rice enterprise said Monday.



Yang Saing Koma, president of Cambodian Center for Study and Development in Agriculture (CEDAC), and rice planting promoter was quoted by Chinese News Agency Xinhua as saying that his organization will export between 2,500 to 3,000 tons of organic rice to foreign markets by this year end.

He said the organic rice has been exported to many markets in Asian as well as European markets and is now has received more orders due to its quality.

He said in 2009, his organization exported more than 2,300 tons of organic rice to Malaysia, Europe and the United States.

Cambodia has ambition to be one of the major rice exporters to the world markets due to its potentiality as agrarian country.

CEDAC is a leading non-governmental organization which helps promote Cambodia's rice sector, especially, the organic rice, and so far many government development partners have helped Cambodia in this rice plantation sector.

About 80 percent of Cambodia's 14 million populations are farmers, and last year,

Cambodia produced more than 7 million tons of rice and is prepared to export about half of it.



Cambodian Beaches' Candidacy Recognized



Cambodian beaches' candidacy has been recently recognized by the Paris-based

World's Most Beautiful Bays Club during its 6th annual congress held in late April.

The information was made known recently by Cambodian Minister of Tourism H.E. Thong Khon in a ceremony to launch the coastal Preah Sihanouk province as the "Star of the South".

The Cambodian beaches are expected to be an official member of the club in 2011, said H.E. Thong Khon, adding that it is important to enhance the

Cambodian beaches' prestige on the international arena as well as to promote and develop the region.

Cambodian beaches are 459 kilometers long, of them 119,5 kilometers in Preah Sihanouk province, 237 kilometers in Koh Kong province, 67 kilometers in Kampot province and 26,5 kilometers in Kep province.

