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Trade Mission To the U.S. Attracts 3 American Companies

At least three American companies working in the garment, energy and Information Technology (IT) sectors will come to explore investment opportunities in Cambodia, Senior Minister H.E. Sun Chanthol, Minister of Commerce, said on Monday during a press conference on his trade mission to the U.S.

After completing the trade mission in the U.S. from June 16 to 20, 2014 to encourage more U.S. investments in Cambodia, three American companies have emailed to express their interest in investment in the Kingdom, he said.

One company is going to come to Cambodia next week and the other two in the upcoming August, H.E. Sun Chanthol pointed out.

They [the three companies] would like to know about Cambodia's investment laws and macro-economy and so on, he continued.

Besides attracting investors, the Ministry of Commerce has tried its best to find markets for Cambodian milled rice and other products in the U.S., he added. According to H.E. Sun Chanthol, the bilateral trade exchange between Cambodia and the U.S. reached some US\$3,000 million in 2013 and it is expected to further increase this year.

For his part, H.E. William E. Todd, U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, welcomed the information, saying that recent ties established by the Cambodian delegation with American companies reflected the success in this trade mission.

Many American companies have highly valued the investment opportunities in Cambodia after having heard from successful investment companies in the country on trade environment in Cambodia and its growing economy, stressed H.E. William E. Todd.

The Cambodian delegation has also given real experience in dealing with challenges in doing business in Cambodia including concerns over infrastructure, workers' strike, corruption and human rights.

On the occasion, H.E. William E. Todd also expressed his pressure to witness the signing ceremony between U.S.-based Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery and Hung Hiep (Cambodia) Co. Ltd.

Cambodia Marks the 6th Anniversary of Preah Vihear Temple's Listing as a UNESCO World Heritage Site





Cambodia celebrates the sixth Anniversary of Preah Vihear Temple’s Listing as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (July 7) at Preah Vihear Temple yesterday under the presidency of H.E. Gen. Meas Sophea, Deputy Commander-In-Chief and Commander of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF).

U.S. Ambassador Voices Continuous Support to Democracy and Development in Cambodia

H.E. William E. Todd, U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, has said that the United States is committed to supporting and assisting the democratic progress and the development of all sectors in Cambodia.

Speaking on July 5 at the celebration of 238th Independence Day of the United States of America held at the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, he said on July 4, 1776 the founding father of the United States of America signed

the declaration of Independence for America that laid the foundations for the new system of government.

He said his country was founded on the belief that “all men are born equal and that the government gets its power from the consent of people it governs,” and that the United States believes these rights are of fundamental importance for a society that is fair and justice, but these rights should not be only for Americans, but also for the peoples of all countries around the world.

“We support and protect this freedom. This is our faith to ourselves, and this is our sole commitment for others,” the U.S. ambassador quoted former U.S. President John F. Kennedy as once saying, adding that, “This commitment is also for Cambodia.”

Over the past two decades, the U.S. government has invested a lot of human resources and budgets in promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law, he said, stressing that since national election in July last year, the United States has always supported peaceful negotiations and nonviolence, which is necessary for reaching a useful solution for all Cambodians.

Expressing his belief that through the continuous commitments to peaceful dialogues, the Cambodian people would uphold democracy, H.E. William E. Todd said the United States is committed to supporting the country’s democratic progress and to assisting the development of all sectors in Cambodia as well.

To improve the lives of Cambodian people, he underlined, the United States had been working closely with the government in various programs including health, education, food security and environment.

“Another example of this commitment is a trade mission that I led recently to the United States with H.E. Minister of Commerce, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and a number of Cambodian business firms. Our journey is to increase business opportunities between our two countries, which will contribute to economic growth, and hopes to help create employment opportunities as well,” H.E. William E. Todd said.

For his part, H.E. Hor Namhong, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation thanked the

U.S. government for the humanitarian and development support and assistance to Cambodia in various sectors.

He said the United States assisted not only the Royal Government of Cambodia, but also many other nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society groups, therefore testifying that democracy in Cambodia had been progressing well.

Cambodian PM Calls for Prevention against Child Exploitation and Trafficking

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen has called on all relevant authorities and citizens to join hands in combating child exploitation and trafficking.

Speaking at the launching ceremony of the National Disability Strategic Plan (NDSP) 2014-2018 held yesterday at Koh Pich Convention and Exhibition Center, Samdech Techo Hun Sen recalled the barbaric acts of violence committed by a monk on a child in Banteay Meanchey province, and asked relevant authorities at all localities to take measures to defend children from exploitation and trafficking, especially those in orphanages.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen also appealed to people who have adopted children to have compassion and affection towards the adopted children, to send them to training centers, schools, instead of considering them as servants.

Australia Pledges AU\$3.25 Million for ECCC

The Government of Australia has confirmed that it will make a new single contribution of AU\$3.25 million (approximately US\$3 million) to the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), according to the ECCC's press release.

"As we await the verdict for Case 002/01 and continue the work on the remaining cases, this funding helps to ensure that justice can be delivered to the people of Cambodia in a timely fashion. Australia has been an invaluable partner in this endeavor since the establishment of the Tribunal, for which the ECCC would like to express its deep gratitude," said Acting Director of the Office of Administration Tony Kranh and Deputy Director Knut Rosandhaug.

With this new pledge, the Government of Australia's total contribution to the ECCC will exceed AU\$26 million, added the press release.

Australia is the second largest donor to the ECCC, and it has supported the Court since its inception, it underlined.

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