



GDT Collects Nearly US\$85 Million in January

The General Department of Taxation (GDT) of the Ministry of Economy and Finance collected US\$84,8 million as tax income in January this year, up 27,2 percent if compared to January last year, according to a press release issued after a recent GDT's monthly meeting.

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U.S.: Cambodia Gets More Opportunities after ASEAN Economic Integration

Cambodia will have more good opportunities than other ASEAN countries after the ASEAN community integration to be launched at the end of this year, visiting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs at the U.S. Department of State Mr. Kurt Tong said.

In a presentation to media at the U.S.

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Cambodia Launches National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women 2014-2018

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) as well as other public and private institutions have been strengthening their strategies to prevent violence against women and gender enhancement to have enough ability to actively and equally participate in national development process.

To contribute to turning the action plan into real action, broad cooperation is needed to prevent violence against women in Cambodia, said Deputy

Prime Minister H.E. Sar Kheng, Minister of Interior at the official launch of the National Action Plan to Prevent Violence against Women 2014-2018 on Tuesday

Advocacy and efforts to raise awareness to change attitude towards women, children and vulnerable people are required by strengthening law and policy, continued H.E. Sar Kheng.

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Cambodian Commerce Minister Receives U.S. Senior Official for Economic and Business Affairs

Cambodia's Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce H.E. Sun Chanthol met here on Friday with visiting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs at the U.S. Department of State Mr. Kurt Tong.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss on how the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) will impact Cambodia Economic development, how to

proceed to finalize the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between Cambodia and the U.S. and how to further promote commercial ties between Cambodia and the U.S., according to the Ministry of Commerce's news release.

In the meeting H.E. Sun Chanthol informed his U.S. guests that Cambodia is a small and open

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The tax income in January increased in almost all kinds of businesses such financial service (up nearly 40 percent), beverage (56.5 percent), IT (87 percent), import and export

(11.4 percent), consumer products (44.3 percent), construction and architecture (49 percent), garment and textile (38 percent), tourism (47 percent), petroleum (6.1 percent), and cigarettes (51 percent).

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Embassy in Phnom Penh this morning, Mr. Kurt Tong stressed that Cambodia has a very strong trend in terms of private investment and business sector activities.

Being Asked about the bilateral trade between Cambodia and the U.S., he expressed his satisfaction with the growing bilateral trade between the two countries. He was convinced that the two-way trade will continue to grow.

The American investors understand now about the fast development in Cambodia, after the U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. William E. Todd led a number of Cambodian delegates to the U.S. to present the potential investment opportunities in Cambodia.

Last year, the Cambodia-U.S. bilateral trade reached US\$3.17 billion, up 5 percent from US\$3.01 billion a year earlier, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

UNWTO: Angkor Wat Is the Crowning Jewel of Cambodia

The Secretary General of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) H.E. Taleb Rifai said Angkor Wat is the crowning jewel of Cambodia's outstanding cultural heritage.

Addressing to the World Conference on Tourism and Culture in Siem Reap province this week, H.E. Taleb Rifai said Angkor Wat is a heritage that every year inspires a growing number of international tourists to explore Cambodia.

Angkor Wat is one of the key samples

for exemplifying the links between tourism and culture, he underlined.

Mr. Sok Sangvar, Head of Angkor Tourism Management Plan, APSARA, said Angkor is today considered as an international draw-card in the field of cultural tourism.

"From a figure of 286,524 international visitors in 1998, Cambodia welcomed 4.5 million tourists in 2014. According to the Ministry of Tourism, 7 million visitors are expected in 2020 (55 percent to Angkor)," he said.

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For her part, H.E. Ms. Ing Kantha Phavy, Minister of Women's Affairs, said the national action plan will help resolve issues related to women and children. It provides preliminary prevention, legal protection, multi-sartorial services, capacity building, and impact assessment so as to give better intervention for vulnerable women and children, she underlined.

Ms. Claire Van der Vaeren, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Cambodia, said the national action plan is another new crucial achievement of the RGC in its efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women and children.

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economy and is ready to be a member of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).

With Cambodia's strategic location, young and dynamic work forces and competitive investment incentives, Cambodia will benefit from the AEC, however, ASEAN Member States need to work harder to fully implement the cross border transport agreement to make free flow of goods and services seamless, he added.