



Ruling Party Re-confirms Its Support

The ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and its supporters re-confirmed their support to the ongoing judicial process of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) or the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. "CPP continues to support the judicial process of ECCC in the case 002/02," Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, President of the National Assembly and Honorary President of CPP, said at a meeting to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the January 7 Victory Day held at the CPP's headquarter.

RCAF and U.S. Marines Conduct Bilateral Humanitarian Assistance Exchange

The Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF), including the Royal Gendarmerie, are partnering with the U.S. Marines with Headquarters Regiment, 3rd Logistics Group, stationed in Okinawa, Japan, to conduct a bilateral exchange exercise.

The exercise, dubbed Royal Preah Khan, taking place from Jan. 12-23, 2015, is aimed to strengthen the

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Phnom Penh, Lowell To Establish Sister-city Relationship



Phnom Penh Capital City of Cambodia will establish a sister-city relationship with the City of Lowell, Massachusetts, the United States of America, according



to a press release of the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFA).

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Cambodia Sends More Supplies for Its UN Missions in Central Africa

The Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) has sent more materials, equipment and machinery to support Cambodia's UN peacekeeping mission in Central Africa.

The supplies, left Phnom Penh-based National Center for Peacekeeping Forces, Mine and ERW (Explosive Remnants of War) Clearance (NPMEC) on Jan. 7 to the international seaport in Preah Sihanouk province.

The supplies, which serve mainly the area of construction, include trucks, tanks, vehicles, electricity generators, containers, etc., he pointed out.

Since 2006, Cambodia has dispatched over 2,260 armed personnel to UN peacekeeping missions in eight countries – Sudan, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Chad, Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus and Mali.



RGC Revokes Economic Land Concession Licenses from 23 Companies

Up to now, a total area of 90,682 hectares of economic land concessions have been revoked by the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) from 23 private companies and put under the management of the Ministry of Environment.

H.E. Say Samal, Minister of Environment, told this to reporters at a press conference held here on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the ministry.

Besides, three companies have volunteered to hand over a total of 28,855 hectares of economic concession land to the RGC, while that of two other firms has been reduced, he added.

On the occasion, H.E. Say Samal also announced a budget of US\$5 million for sub-national level to improve and manage the solid and liquid waste throughout the country.

2014: Cambodia's Customs Revenue Reaches US\$1.34 Billion

Last year, Cambodia earned a total customs revenue of some 5,455 billion Riel, roughly equivalent to US\$1.34 billion, an increase by 33.5 percent if compared to the figure in the previous year.

The figure was announced by H.E.

Kun Nhim, Director-General of the General Department of Customs and Excise, during a Summative Meeting to Review the Works of Customs and Excise in 2014 in the presence of H.E. Aun Porn Moniroth, Minister of Economy and Finance, last week in Phnom Penh.

Cambodia-U.S. Bilateral Trade Reaches Nearly US\$3 Billion in 11 Months of 2014

The volume of bilateral trade exchange between Cambodia and the United State of America in the first 11 months of last year was recorded at US\$2.96 billion, up some 6 percent if compared to the same period a year earlier, according to the U.S.' Census Bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

From January to November 2014, Cambodia's exports to the U.S. were valued at about US\$2.65 billion, up 2.83 percent over the same period of 2013, while the country's imports from the U.S. were amounted to US\$309

million, up 44.3 percent, it added.

The U.S. now is the second largest market for Cambodian products after the EU.

The total trade volume of Cambodia last year reached US\$18.13 billion, indicated a report of the Cambodian Ministry of Commerce, stressing that the country exported products with a total amount of US\$7.69 billion and imported products with a total value of US\$10.43 billion. The biggest export markets for Cambodia are the EU, America, Asia and Oceania.

Phnom Penh, Lowell To Establish ...

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Establishment of Sister-City Relationship between the two cities will be signed by H.E. Pa Socheatevong, Governor of Phnom Penh and H.E. Rodney M. Elliott, Mayor of Lowell, during the latter's visit to Phnom Penh from Jan. 13 to 17, 2015, at the invitation of H.E. Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of MFA-IC, it said.

During his stay in Phnom Penh, it added, H.E. Rodney M. Elliott will be received in Royal Audience by His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, and pay separate courtesy calls on Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen and Deputy Prime Minister Hor Namhong.

Phnom Penh Capital City has so far established sister-city relationship with many ASEAN member countries' cities and those of China and South Korea as well as Cleveland City of Tennessee State, the United States of America.

RCAF and U.S. Marines Conduct ...

relationship between the two nations to ensure the ability for rapid contingency response in support of humanitarian assistance and disaster response, according to the U.S. Embassy's press release AKP received yesterday (Jan. 12).



King Praises PM Hun Sen for His Leadership

His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, has once again lauded the leadership of Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, which has brought about peace and rapid development to the country.

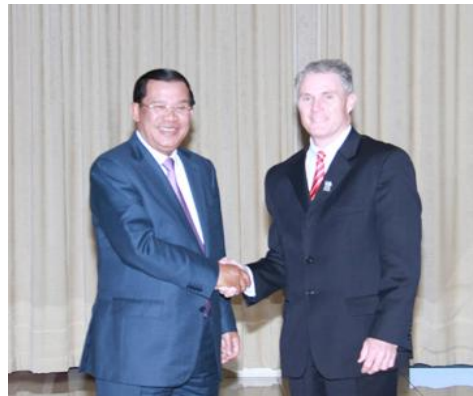
During a royal visit to 532 families in Rasmei Samki commune, Oral district, Kampong Speu province on Jan.14, the 30th anniversary of Samdech Techo Hun Sen in office (1985-2015), His Majesty the King spoke highly of the leadership of the Cambodian premier as well as the tireless efforts of Samdech Kittiprittbandit Bun Rany Hun Sen, President of Cambodian Red Cross, in fulfilling the humanitarian missions for the interests of the Cambodian nation and people.

U.S. To Further Deepen Bilateral Cooperation with Cambodia

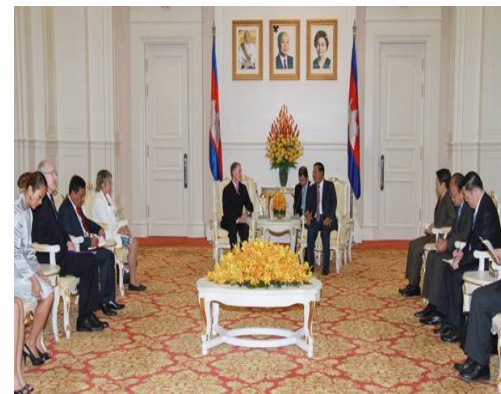
According to the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh yesterday (Jan.27), H.E. Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said his visit to Phnom Penh this time was to deepen and strengthen the bilateral relations between the two

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PM Hun Sen Meets Mayor of Lowell



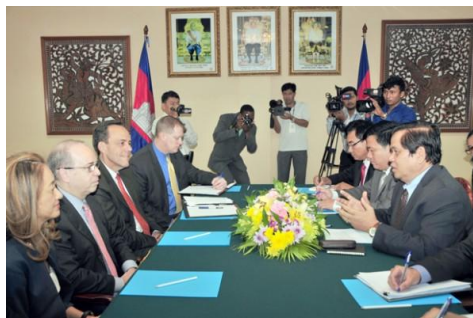
Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen receives the Mayor of Lowell, Massachusetts, the United States of



America, H.E. Rodney M. Elliott at the Peace Palace, Phnom Penh, on January 15, 2015.

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Cambodia's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Receives U.S. Assistant Secretary of State



Cambodian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Ouch Borith held talks here this morning with visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for



East Asian and Pacific Affairs H.E. Daniel Russel at the ministry. H.E. Ouch Borith told reporters after the meeting that he and H.E. Daniel

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PM Hun Sen Meets Major of Lowell

During the meeting, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen recalled some remnants of the Khmer Rouge regime (1975-1979) to H.E. Rodney M. Elliott, Mayor of Lowell, Massachusetts, the United States of America, according to the premier's assistant H.E. Eang Sophalleth.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen said 36 years ago, in Phnom Penh, there were only 70 people, and most of them were women and children. During the Khmer Rouge or Pol Pot regime, people in urban areas were evacuated to labor camps in rural areas, all properties were seized, and millions of people died of starvation, execution, force labor and diseases.

Cambodia at that time started with emptied hands, stressed the Cambodian premier, adding that from 1970 to 1998, the country was in insecurity due to

civil wars. But thanks to his Win Win policy in 1998, Cambodia has only one government, one king, one constitution, and one RCAF (Royal Cambodian Armed Forces), he said.

Today, Cambodia has been controlled by the rule of law, while the culture of insult and defamation have changed to the culture of peace, negotiations and collaboration to serve the people, he added.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen took the opportunity to thank H.E. Rodney M. Elliott for his attention to Cambodian people in Lowell.

For his part, H.E. Rodney M. Elliott briefed Samdech Techo Hun Sen on his city and said that his trip to Cambodia is to strengthen the relations between Lowell and Phnom Penh, and between the U.S. and Cambodia through the cultural exchange, education, and investment.

Cambodia's Secretary of State for Foreign ...

Russel exchanged views on the trade and investment ties between Cambodia and the U.S. as well as the regional and global economy and politics.

Besides, both sides also discussed the U.S.-Cambodia Cooperation in terms of politics which serves as a base for the cooperation in other domains such as education, scholarship provision and exchange programs.

For his part, H.E. Daniel Russel recalled the verbal discussion between U.S. President and Samdech Techo Prime Minister of Cambodia, at a recent ASEAN Summit in Myanmar. The U.S. President considered Samdech Hun Sen as a good speaker, he added.

H.E. Daniel Russel also expressed his appreciation and highly valued the Royal Government of Cambodia's stance against the Islamic State militant group formerly known as ISIS.

Cambodia Launches an Education Project Worth Some US\$20 Million

Cambodia's Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports in collaboration with development partners and national and international organizations, including NGO Education Partnership, Aide et Action, launched here yesterday the Cambodian Consortium for Out of School Children worth in total some US\$20 million.

H.E. Hang Chuon Naron, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport who presided over the official launching ceremony, said this project will cover all the 25 provinces and capital city and last for 42 months, from June

2014 to November 2017.

The project's target groups are over 57,000 out of school children, teachers' families, as well as commune/Sangkat council members, and school steering committee members, he added.

The Cambodian Consortium for Out of School Children is an unprecedented coming together of 17 international and local development actors uniting behind a mission to enroll and retain more than 57,000 children of primary school age that are currently missing out on an education.

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countries.

"One reason, I am here because we care deeply of the bilateral relationships between Cambodia and the U.S. I came to discuss the bilateral, regional, ASEAN related issues, but also the global challenges faced by Cambodia and the U.S.." he said.

During his trip in Cambodia, H.E. Daniel Russel also meets with civil society organizations and senior officials of the oppositions party.