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CAMBODIAN HOSTS Hosts 5th INDIA-CLMV BUSINESS CONCLAVE



Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong, High Representative of Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, delivers his keynote address at the two-day 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave which kicks off in Phnom Penh under the theme "India-CLMV Economic Development: Collaboration for Regional Integration".

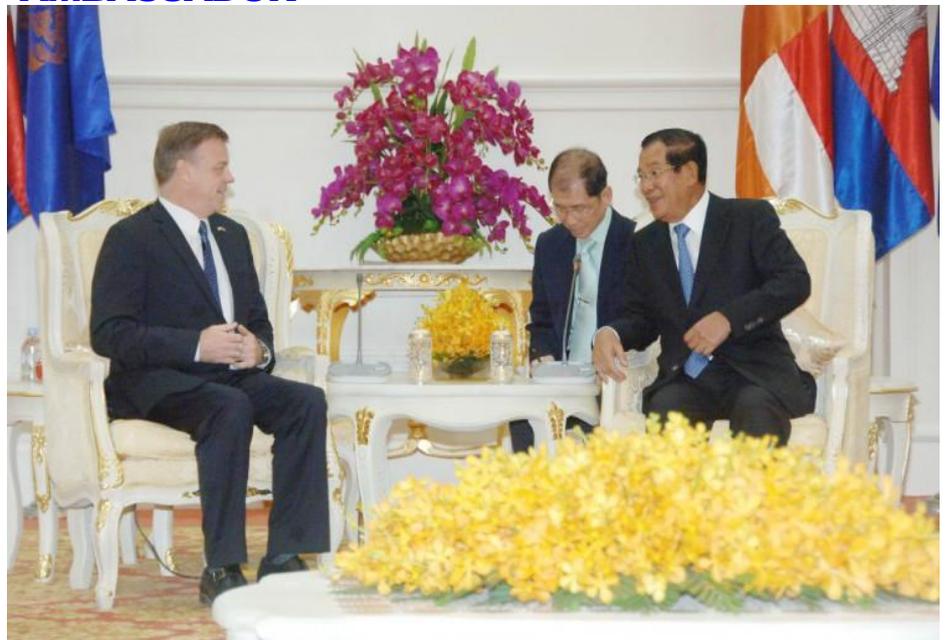
The 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave kicked off under the presidency of Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong, High Representative of Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen.

In his keynote address, H.E. Hor Namhong expressed his appreciation for the organisation of this two-day event and highly evaluated the role of India in the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI), especially in helping Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam (CLMV) integrate into ASEAN.

"I think that this India-CLMV Business Conclave is an important road map for the economic development of India and CLMV,".

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CAMBODIAN PM RECEIVES OUTGOING BRITISH AMBASSADOR



Cambodia's Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen (right) holds a farewell meeting with outgoing British Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. William (Bill) Jesse Longhurst, at the Peace Palace, Phnom Penh.

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, received at the Peace Palace outgoing British Ambassador H.E. William Longhurst.

H.E. Eang Sophalleth, Assistant to Samdech Techo Hun Sen, told reporters after the farewell meeting that H.E. William Longhurst expressed his satisfaction with his four-year-and-a-half diplomatic mission in Cambodia, stressing that the UK as well as himself regarded Cambodia as a friend.

The outgoing diplomat said the British Embassy has paid high attention to the education sector as recommended Samdech Techo Hun Sen during the first Meeting with him.

He also expressed his optimism over the education system in Cambodia, after he had travelled to the Cambodian provinces. Beside education, he added, the Embassy focuses on the fields of technology and science.

In reply, the Cambodian Premier thanked H.E. Ambassador for having worked hard in promoting the relations and cooperation between the two countries. The cooperation in the above-mentioned domains responds well to Cambodia's need, he underlined. Samdech Techo Hun Sen hoped that the UK will continue to support the country's education sector and wished H.E. William Longhurst more success in his next mission.

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND SWEDISH DELEGATE TALK ABOUT CONTINUED COOPERATION

US\$1.34 BILLION ENERGY PROJECTS APPROVED



Cambodia's Senior Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance H.E. Aun Pornmoniroth (R, Pic. 1) greets visiting H.E. Johannes Oljelund, Director General for International Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden, prior to their meeting in Phnom Penh on May 24 afternoon Cambodia's

Cambodian Senior Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance H.E. Aun Pornmoniroth has received Swedish delegation to talk about development cooperation.

The Minister met with the visiting Swedish delegation led by H.E. Johannes Oljelund, Director-General for International Development Cooperation, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, at the Economy and Finance Ministry in Phnom Penh.

In his update for the guest, H.E. Aun Pornmoniroth highlighted the government's development policies and strategies for more in-depth reform in order to promote employment, ensure equity wealth distribution and enhance efficiency of governance.

The Cambodian Cabinet Ministers in their weekly Meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen approved two energy projects worth in total more than US\$1.34 billion.

According to a press release of the Press and Quick Reaction Unit of the Office of the Council of Ministers, those two approved projects include a 700-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Preah Sihanouk province and a 60-megawatt solar power plant in Kampong Speu province.

The coal-fire and solar power plants will be built under the BOO (Built-Own-Operate) contract for a 35- and 20-year period and with the investment capital of US\$1,290.54 million and US\$58.22 million, respectively, it pointed out.

About 2,320,000 households or 68.64 percent of the total households in Cambodia have already had access to the electricity as of late 2017, according to a report of the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

UK DELEGATE APPRECIATES CAMBODIA'S WILDLIFE CONSERVATION WORK

United Kingdom has appreciated and looked forward to learning from Cambodia in wildlife conservation work.

The impression was highlighted by visiting delegate of the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr. Sam Myers when received by Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng in Phnom Penh.

The UK delegate emphasized that his trip intended to learn about Cambodia's wildlife conservation work.

He also invited Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng to attend the 4th Illegal Wildlife Trade Conference to be organised in London, the United Kingdom in October this year.

From his end, Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng thanked the visiting UK delegate for the appreciation and briefed him on Cambodia's work in the area.

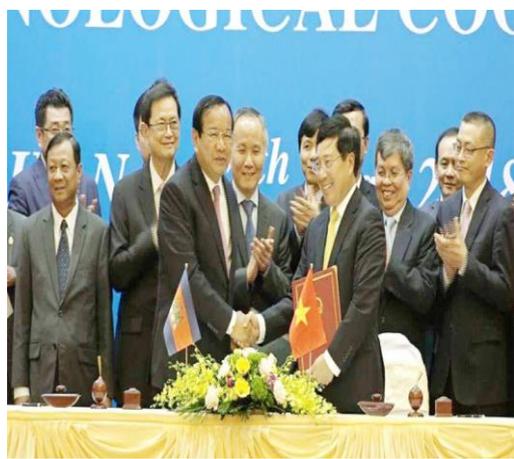
He also supported and talked positively about the planned conference by the United Kingdom.

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in total, it pointed out, 64,688 people have been killed and injured due to mines and UXOs during this period. The number of casualties has seen a decrease from 4,320 per year in 1996 to an annual average of some 100 in the last five years.

Despite the efforts, there are still 2,000 square kilometres of land left to be cleared, added the report.

CAMBODIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS VIETNAM



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the purpose of H.E. Prak Sokhonn's visit is to co-chair with his Vietnamese counterpart H.E. Pham Binh Minh the 16th Meeting of the Cambodia-Vietnam Joint Commission (JC) on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Cooperation in Hanoi on May 17.

The 16th JC will review the achievements in various fields made by both countries and explore ways to further deepen the bonds of friendship and cooperation which have been build and nurtured for peace and prosperity of the people of the two country.

Cambodian Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International I.C H.E. Prak Sokhonn (L, Pic. 1) and Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Pham Binh Minh sign the Agreed Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Cambodia-Vietnam Joint Commission on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Cooperation, in Hanoi, Vietnam.

At the end of the JC meeting, both foreign ministers will sign the Agreed Minutes of the Meeting. On the sidelines of the meeting, H.E. Prak Sokhonn will pay a courtesy call on H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of Vietnam.

CAMBODIA OPTIMISTIC TO CLEAR ALL ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES BY 2025

Cambodia is optimistic to clear all anti-personnel mines and save 80 percent of prioritized land areas from cluster bombs by 2025.

The optimism was shown in a two-day National Mine Action Conference which kicked off at the Peace Palace under the presidency of Permanent Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Bin Chhin, Acting Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, with the participation of some 500

people. To achieve this target, active support from all relevant parties are indispensable. According to a report released on the occasion, after more than 25 years (1992-2017) of demining operation, Cambodia has cleared some 1,700 square kilometers of affected land and destroyed 1.25 million mines and 2.7 million explosive remnants of war.

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RIVER DOLPHINS IN CAMBODIA

The Irrawaddy dolphins found in Cambodia live mainly in the Mekong River around Kratie and Stung Treng Provinces. The number of these mammals is estimated to be between 40 and 60 and they are often seen travelling in small groups of 6 to 10 individuals. The females usually give birth to young once every two years most often during the months of June to August. The young dolphins are about 1 meter in length at birth and suckle milk. By adulthood the dolphins can attain a length of over 2.5 meters and weigh up to 180 kilograms. Their diet consists mainly of small fish, shellfish and snails. The dolphins can swim at speeds up to 40 kilometers per hour and stay submerged for periods between five and ten minutes.

The Dolphin Habitat in Kratie, Cambodia is situated at Kampee Village and Resort in the Sambok Commune. Besides being a wonderful tourist hub the Dolphin Habitat, also plays a significant role in the conservation of dolphins. The Irrawaddy Dolphins make their home on a beautiful stretch of the Mekong River near a small set of rapids. They make upward arches, breaking the surface of the water as they swim about the area. The dolphins are most active in the early morning hours (around 6 am) and the late afternoon and early evening hours. A local family hires out their small boat. A young man in the family takes you out on the river for a closer look. The charge is 3,500 riel per person.

The Mekong River Irrawaddy dolphin (*Orcaella brevirostris*) population inhabits a 190 kilometers stretch of the Mekong River between Cambodia and Laos. The latest population is estimated between 64 and 76 members (2008 figures). The Irrawaddy dolphin is identified by a bulging forehead, a short beak, and 12-19 teeth on each side of each jaw. The pectoral fin is broadly triangular. There is a small dorsal fin, on the posterior end of the back

RELATED KRATIE EXPERIENCES

You will be picked up by your guide and local remok (tuk tuk) or motor bike from the hotel in Kratie and travel on the old national route 7 along the river bank towards Kampi. One of the many deep pools where the rare river dolphins gather to feed. Along the way, we journey pass through a village that produces the delicious snacks, famous sticky rice packed in bamboo (krolan) and pickle raw fish in banana leaf (Nhem). Thma Kreae village is particularly famous for Krolan. This tasty snack is famous all over Cambodia and locals would never leave Kratie Province without buying a stock for relatives and friends back home.

In January 2005, four fishermen were arrested in Cambodia after they allegedly killed a rare Irrawaddy dolphin by tossing an explosive device into a river in northeastern Mondulkiri province, officials said yesterday. The 86kg freshwater dolphin was found dead Saturday in the Srepok River after people exploded the device to catch fish, Sam Samat, secretary of the provincial police chief said. "We never knew that there were Irrawaddy dolphins in Srepok River. The fishermen also did not know this kind of animal was in the river," he said, adding that three men and a woman were arrested. Fishing with explosives is common in Cambodia.



Board a local boat and cruise out on the mighty Mekong River to get up close to freshwater Irrawaddy dolphins at Kampi, 15 km north of Kratie.

Witness one of the most endangered mammals in their natural habitat. You're a key for financial support that provides funding for the protection and study of these endangered mammals. Trip takes 3-5 hours and can be started at any time of the day from Kratie Town.



Mekong for a chance encounter with these gentle mammals. Viewing is guaranteed. Tour boats will take you closer to these shy and sensitive mammals. If you listen carefully you might hear the dolphin breath through the blowhole on the top of its head. After enjoying an hour or more of dolphin hase one million tons of Cambodian.

PHNOM PENH AND BEIJING'S ALLIANCE FORMED

Phnom Penh capital of Cambodia has entered historic sister city alliance with Beijing – the capital city of People's Republic of China.

Official alliance agreement was inked here yesterday by Phnom Penh Municipal Governor H.E. Khuong Sreng and visiting Member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China's Beijing Municipal Committee H.E. Ms. Qi Jing.

The milestone, underscored H.E. Khuong Sreng, will further enhance relationship between the two nations, including the areas of economy, culture, education, science and technology, and environment.

According to the governor, Beijing is the seventh city of the People's Republic of China which entered sister city alliance with Phnom Penh.

For H.E. Ms. Qi Jing, Cambodia as well as Phnom Penh capital is an intimate partner of China and Beijing, and the alliance will allow the two friends to exchange comprehensive experience in city development.

Formalisation of city alliance between Phnom Penh and Beijing was specially happened this year when the diplomatic relations of the two countries turn 60 years.

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He also acknowledged continuous assistance by the Government of Sweden in contribution to the development of Cambodia, particularly the areas of public financial management reform and sub-national governance.

From his side, H.E. Johannes Oljelund thanked H.E. Aun Pornmoniroth for the hospitality and spoke highly of Cambodia's social stability and high economic performance.

He continued that the Government of Sweden is defining continued development cooperation with Cambodia from 2018 to 2022.

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H.E. Hor Namhong also recalled Cambodia's contribution to the regional integration and the country's high commitment to cooperate with India, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam to gasp every opportunity for the sustainable development in their respective countries and the whole region.

Besides, he laid stress on the significance of private sector in the integration of the CLMV countries in the region.

Held under the theme "India-CLMV Economic Development: Collaboration for Regional Integration," the 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave aimed at promoting and tightening the economic, trade, culture, and tourism relations between India and CLMV. This event attracted various experts from the governments and private sectors of CLMV and India.

The 4th India-CLMV Business Conclave was held in Jaipur, India in February 2017.

Siem Reap Province Attracts Over 60,000 Visitors during His Majesty the King's Birthday Holiday

The cultural Province of Siem Reap attracts more than 60,000 tourists, a year-on-year increase of 7.29 percent, during the three-day holiday on the occasion of His Majesty the King's 65th Birthday from May 13 to 15, 2018. According to the Tourism Provincial Department, of them, some 46,000 were national visitors, up 9.52 percent, and the rest were international tourists, up 0.85 percent compared to the same period last year.



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