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Tripadvisor Names Angkor in its Top Travel Activities

A three-day discover tour of Angkor in Siem Reap Cambodia wins Tripadvisor's World's Top Luxury Tour Award, according to Tripadvisor's news release (24 June) No. 1 in the world: 3-Days Discovery of Angkor, Waterfalls, Floating Village and Banteay Srei temple – Siem Reap, Cambodia, it added.

Tripadvisor announced, Wednesday(23 June), the winners of its 2021 Travellers' Choice® "Best of the Best" Things to Do Awards. Previously called the Travellers' Choice Awards for Experiences, the revamped Things to Do Awards have been broadened to recognise all the best activities across a dozen subcategories.

The list includes activities focused on Nature & Hiking to Water Adventures to Out of the Ordinary Experiences, reflecting activities that have been hot since the start of the pandemic.

Tripadvisor taps an inventory of things to do – with nearly 400,000 bookable activities.

"When I think about what makes a trip truly unforgettable, it's those can't-miss and truly unique activities like a sunset sail with my family, a bike tour with the most hilarious and knowledgeable tour guide, or doing something out of my comfort zone, like ziplining through the forests of New Zealand," said Tripadvisor general manager experiences, Kate Urquhart. "With no other accolades of its scale, the Travellers' Choice Things to Do Awards are in a unique class of their own, highlighting all the activities travellers have determined are essential when visiting a destination."



Cambodia to Launch Historic Industrial Gold Manufacturing



The Kingdom of Cambodia announced an official launch of the country's first industrial gold manufacturing in O' Kvav region of Keo Seima district, Mondulkiri province scheduled for June 21.

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia shared the good news in his public letter issued this evening (10 June).

After 14 years of feasibility study and exploration, the licensed Renaissance Minerals (Cambodia) Ltd. on June 10 produced Cambodia's first semi-finished gold bars technically called Gold Dore Bars with 90 percent gold solution, wrote Samdech Techo Prime Minister.

According to its assessment

Report, the Renaissance Minerals company a subsidiary of Australia-listed Emerald Resources NL - can produce three tones of pure gold on an annual average for the first eight years of operation.

With the mentioned capacity of industrial gold production, he underlined, about US\$185 million gross revenue is expected to be generated per year, of which some US\$40 million as Royalty income and tax revenue to be used for social and economic development.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister considered the international standard gold manufacturing in O' Kvav region as a model for future mineralization in Cambodia toward sustainable development.

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Cambodia Spends Some US\$170 Million for COVID-19 Vaccines

Cambodia spends around US\$170 million to purchase vaccines for the 10 million people planned for the vaccination, in addition to the 324,000 doses of AstraZeneca/SII (COVISHIELD) via COVAX Facility and 2.2 million doses of Sinopharm donated by China.

The figure was shared by H.E. Vongsey Vissoth, Delegate Minister Attached to the Prime Minister and Permanent Secretary of State for Economy and Finance, upon the arrival of 1 million more doses of Sinovac vaccine at Phnom Penh International Airport this morning (26 June).

Cambodia will receive all the planned 20 million doses of vaccines by the end of August this year, he said, adding: "This month, we got 5 million doses, in July we'll receive 5 more million doses, and in August 4 million doses."

Cambodia is expected to achieve its target of vaccinating 10 million people against COVID-19 by October or November this year, stressed the delegate minister.

H.E. Vongsey Vissoth attributed the success of Cambodia in the COVID-19 vaccination - 2nd in ASEAN - to available vaccines, and Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen has played a very important role in this factor, and to enough vaccination team members.

For the next step, Cambodia will consider the vaccination of children, as well as the provision of the 3rd doses. (he said)

With the newly arrived vaccines, Cambodia has got in total over 10 million doses of vaccines: 3.2 million doses of Sinopharm, 6.5 million doses of Sinovac, and 324,000 doses of AstraZeneca/SII (COVISHIELD).

As of June 25, the vaccination coverage against COVID-19 pandemic in Cambodia reached 38.03 percent of the planned 10 million people to be vaccinated. The figures from the National Ad-hoc Commission for COVID-19 Vaccination show that 3,803,169 people have got their first dose, of them 2,813,108 have already received their second jab.

Yesterday (25 June), Phnom Penh municipal administration issued the final call to those who have not yet vaccinated against COVID-19 to do so as the vaccination campaign in Phnom Penh will be wrapped up on July 8, 2021.

Cambodian Economy Still Strong Despite February 20 Community Outbreak



The kingdom of Cambodia's economy remains strong despite the February 20 community outbreak of COVID-19 and the lockdown of Phnom Penh capital and Takhmao town of Kandal province in April, said H.E. Vongsey Vissoth, Delegate Minister Attached to the Prime Minister and Permanent Secretary of State for Economy and Finance on 26 June at Phnom Penh International Airport this morning while welcoming the arrival of 1 million more doses of Sinovac vaccine.

Cambodian exports in the first five months of this year rose by 17 percent, he explained, adding that the garment exports were about the same amount as in the first five months of 2020.

But, he continued, the export of non-garment products such as electronic component, bicycles, solar panels, ... and agricultural products saw a remarkable increase of 52 percent, which reflects the economic diversification of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

According to a report from the General Department of Customs and Excise at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia exported US\$4,428 million worth of products in the first quarter of this year. The agricultural and non-garment exports were on the rising trend.



Over 6,000 Businesses with total US\$2.6 Billion Investment Registered via Online Business

State-run Online Business Registration has registered 6,164 businesses with a total investment capital of US\$2,631 million, as it marked the one-year anniversary of its official launching on June 15.

A total of 6,974 businesses have been applied through the Online Business Registration during the year, and 6,164 of which have been approved, according to a press release from the Ministry of Economy and Finance issued on June 15.

Some 810 other applications are in the stage of approving, stated the same source.

Breaking down by sector, business registration on auto export-import and auto repairs accounted for 38.11 percent of the total business applications, followed by real estate sector (10.29 percent), manufacturing (8.53 percent), accommodation and food sector (8.47 percent), vocational, science, and technical activities (7.06 percent), and other sectors (27.55%).

In terms of investment amount by sector, construction sector represented 27.27 percent, while real estate sector 15.52 percent, auto export-import and auto repairs 15.40 percent, manufacturing 13.75 percent, financial and insurance 8.94 percent, and other sectors 19.12 percent.

The Online Business Registration system was launched to facilitate and encourage business registration for all companies, especially to support the companies that aim to register and to access credit from the government's special fund.

New businesses can register on the packet information system at www.registrationservices.gov.kh thus, business and tax certificates as well as all other documents will be provided and received in digital form. Through this platform, complex procedures, repetitive information, time and cost incurred under the old process will be minimized.

All will be automatically shared with the information systems of relevant ministries and institutions for review and approval.

Cambodian to launch ...



While encouraging highly qualified technical mineral manufacturing for lasting and environment friendly mineralization, he reminded that underqualified operation will not bring about any benefit, but is likely to cause accident and harm the environment.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister expressed his pride of Cambodia as a "golden country", spoke highly of all the teams who were part of the historic achievement for Cambodia, and thanked all Cambodians for the support and confidence on the leadership of the Royal Government.

Construction of 38 Roads in Siem Reap 60 Percent Complete

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport said that the 38-line road infrastructure construction in Siem Reap provincial city has been achieved at nearly 64 percent as of June 2021.

During an inspection visit of the work progress of the road construction in Siem Reap yesterday afternoon (29 June), H.E. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister, Minister of Public Works and Transport hoped that the construction project would be completed on time.

With a total length of 108.74 kilometres, the construction of the 38-line road infrastructure, which began in last November, would last 13 months and cost some US\$150 million of the national budget.

