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Cambodia Welcomes Fully Vaccinated Visitors from November

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister said on Tuesday(26 OCT) that Cambodia will welcome fully vaccinated foreign tourists from all countries.

Tourism destinations including Sihanoukville and Koh Rong Island in Preah Sihanouk province and Dara Sakor vacation zone of Koh Kong province will be the first to receive the vaccinated tourists.

After having been hit by the COVID-19 pandemic crisis for about two years, Cambodia will welcome all foreign tourists fully vaccinated from Nov. 30 this year, he said.

Siem Reap city, home of world famed Angkor Wat Temple, is set to reopen for vaccinated tourists earlier next year.

Fully vaccinated foreign tourists are required to stay in the 'safe and green destination' without quarantine, the Ministry of Tourism stated in a statement issued on the same day.

According to the Ministry of Tourism, foreign tourists can enter Cambodia by air without quarantine, provided they have been fully vaccinated and have evidence of pre-flight negative test results, booked hotels, and insurance.

They are also required to take a 'Rapid Test' for COVID-19 upon arrival and another 'PCR Test' a day before they move to other destinations or leave Cambodia, added the source.



Cambodia Officially Becomes ASEAN Chair for 2022



Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, this afternoon (28 October) received the chairmanship hammer from Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam in the official handover ceremony of ASEAN chairmanship held via videoconference.

In his remarks at the handover ceremony, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said on behalf of the people and the Royal Government of Cambodia, he is indeed proud that Cambodia is taking on the ASEAN Chairmanship for 2022.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister also expressed his great appreciation to Brunei for

leading ASEAN in 2021 under the theme "We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper".

'As the Chair of ASEAN in 2022, Cambodia will steer ASEAN's collective efforts to accomplish our important tasks, especially expediting the building process of an equitable, strong, and inclusive ASEAN Community, which are in line with core spirit of ASEAN: One Vision, One Identity and One Community," he underlined.

In this regard, Samdech Techo Hun Sen underscored some key priorities for 2022 as follows:

"1st. Political and Security Pillar: Cambodia will focus on strengthening the ASEAN Centrality and ASEAN Unity, (continued to page 3)



Japan Donates Vehicles and Office Equipment to Cambodia

Japan has provided the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFAIC) of Cambodia with vehicles and office equipment, equivalent to 300 million Japanese Yen (about US\$2,780,000), for Cambodia's Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022.

The handover ceremony of 39 Japanese vehicles as the first batch of this cooperation was held here at the MFAIC this morning (1 NOV) under the presidency of H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of MFAIC, and Japanese Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Mikami Masahiro.

The remaining vehicles and office equipment will arrive over the next few months, said a press release of the Embassy of Japan, stressing, "the decision to provide this cooperation was made in light of the friendship between Cambodia and Japan and our strong determination to support Cambodia's Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022 and ASEAN Centrality and Unity."

The donation is part of the Economic and Social Development Programme, it added.

Japan will continue to cooperate with the Royal Government of Cambodia for the success of Cambodia's Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022, underlined the embassy.



Dara Sakor International Airport to Officially Open in Mid-2022

The Dara Sakor International Airport in Koh Kong province will be ready for test in early 2022 and officially open in the middle of the same year.

The update was shared by a representative of the construction company with H.E. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism in a recent meeting at Dara Sakor vacation zone to prepare for the reopening for fully vaccinated foreign tourists.

According to the construction company, the new airport will be able to handle nearly 1 million passengers a year.

H.E. Thong Khon encouraged the construction company to speed up the construction process in order to launch as soon as possible domestic and international flights, especially to connect to Siem Reap province, home to the famous Angkor temples, that will reopen for foreign visitors in January 2022.

Chinese-owned Union Development Group (UDG) invested US\$3.5-billion to build the airport on the land area of 4.5 hectares in Botom Sakor district, Koh Kong province.





DPM Prak Sokhonn: Democracy Cannot Neither Imported Nor Exported

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Prak Sokhonn has underlined that democracy cannot be neither imported nor exported from one country to another.

“It is generally known that democracy does not materialise by itself nor does it appear out of thin air. It certainly cannot be imported or exported from one country to another, irrespective of the associated cost,” he said while presiding over the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Paris Peace Agreement held here this morning at the Peace Palace.

Along with the will to bring about peace to Cambodia and its people through the Paris Peace Agreement, there were plans to establish democracy in Cambodia as well; but it was a Western-style democracy that did not carefully take into account the special characteristics of the country, for instance, its recent historical trauma, its culture, its tradition and the conditions on the ground, he said.

“Democracy is a value that we learn and gradually construct and strengthen. But unfortunately, democracy and human rights have rather been used, often times, as instruments by some major powers to pursue their own geopolitical agenda,” the Cambodian top diplomat stressed.

Cambodia has vaccinated 13,709,487 out of targeted 14.5 million people with COVID-19 vaccine

Out of the targeted 14.5 million people or 91 percent of the population slated to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to provide not only herd immunity but exceed the required percentage, Cambodia is marching ahead to the percentage set by the Prime Minister.

To this end, since February 10 to October 31, Cambodia has vaccinated a total of 13,709,487 of her people.

Total number of people who have received both doses of the vaccine is at 13,065 834, comprising 9,638 892 – adult aged 18 and above, 1,697,226 adolescents aged 12 to 17 and children aged six to 12 at 1,729,675.

The number who have received their third or booster dose, including frontliners in eight provinces facing Thailand in early August and 11 out of 14 districts in Phnom Penh which started on October 11, stands at 1,860,725.

Case numbers from COVID-19 and deaths attributed to the virus has also steadily dropped and today marks the day sandbox tourism opens up in three areas in Cambodia.

Cinemas, museums and other not high risk businesses have also been allowed to open, except for high risk businesses such as KTV's and night clubs which are still closed.

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for both regional mechanism and external partners' cooperation, based on ASEAN Way and Principles stipulated in the ASEAN Charter, Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, and ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.

Also, ASEAN must be resilient and strong against the pressure and influence stemming from rising geopolitical competition, transnational-crime, terrorism, climate change and infectious diseases, etc. to ensure our way forward in peace, security, and prosperity.

2nd. Economic Pillar: Cambodia will promote effective implementation of all initiatives and measures agreed as well as leverage trade agreements to the maximum so as to expedite the recovery of economic growth while we are living with Covid-19 in the new normal, and ensure that ASEAN remains an attractive and dynamic hub for trade and investment by enhancing both physical and digital connectivity; strengthening the capacity of MSMEs; and promoting the entrepreneurship amongst women and youth; as well as other priorities aimed at narrowing the development gaps and advancing regional integration.

3rd. Socio-Cultural Pillar: Cambodia will strengthen the development of human resources to respond to the needs on the ground for community building, promote the participation of women and youth in building and maintaining peace, and develop an inclusive social protection system. Another key priority is strengthening people-to-people bonds to enhance the spirit of One ASEAN Identity.

By and large, Cambodia will continue to mobilise support and cooperation to achieve the goal of building the three ASEAN Communities, in line with the ASEAN COMMUNITY VISION 2025. In addition, we will expedite the development of the ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision.

As the Chair of ASEAN in 2022, Cambodia is committed to leading ASEAN under the theme 'ASEAN A.C.T.: Addressing Challenges Together' for harmony, peace, and prosperity in the whole region.”

Samdech Techo Prime Minister looked forward to warmly welcoming all his counterparts from ASEAN and dialogue partners to Cambodia in 2022.

National Museum in Cambodia

