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## Samdech Techo PM HUN SEN to initiate groundbreaking ceremony for the upgrade of \$100 million National Road No. 48



This morning (3 JAN) Samdach Techo Prime Minister Hun is scheduled to preside over the groundbreaking ceremony for the \$100 million, 148-kilometer National Road 48 project in Koh Kong province.

According to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, the project to upgrade National Road 48 is under a concessional financing from the Republic of Korea provided to Cambodia through The Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF), which is official development assistance of the Republic of Korea, valued at \$100,686,000.

The project to upgrade the quality of National Road No. 48 has a total length of 148 kilometers.

## Samdech Techo Prime Minister HUN SEN Congratulates Cambodia's Well Management of COVID-19



Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia has highly valued the COVID-19 containment and prevention efforts of the competent authorities at all levels and other stakeholders.

As of January 3, 2022, in Cambodia, there are 148 patients under emergency care, which is a small number compared to that of other countries, Samdech Techo Prime Minister underlined at the groundbreaking ceremony for the 148-kilometre-long National Road No. 48

improvement project in Sre Ambel district, Koh Kong province this morning(3 JAN).

Samdech Techo Prime Minister said the countdown and New Year celebration late last week was another test for the COVID-19 management in Cambodia.

Yesterday(2JAN), he pointed out, only 3 positive cases have been confirmed by PCR Test with one new death case.

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## Quality Production of Cambodian Pepper and Spices Boosted

The Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Cambodian Pepper and Spices Federation (CPSF) have urged producers and farmers to increase production to meet high domestic and foreign markets, which will boost the export volume.

From 2010 to 2020, pepper farms increased from 861 to 8,008 hectares, and pepper products were exported to Vietnam, Thailand, the European Union, Switzerland, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan and India. In response to market demand, which has ensured food safety, farmers have turned to pepper cultivation in good agriculture or GAP and organic cultivation.

The Cambodian Pepper and Spices Federation established in 2019, has 14 companies and 15 community-pepper associations as members, with a total of 1,000 pepper families in the provinces of Kampot, Koh Kong, Pursat, Battambang, Preah Vihear, Kampong Thom, Tbong Khmum, Monduliri, and Rattanakiri.

CPSF President Mr. Mak Ny said that the federation will continue to work closely with relevant ministries and development partners, associations and exporters to help promote the Cambodian pepper sector to have a wider market.



## Samdech Techo...congratulates...

Samdech Techo Prime Minister (PM) took the opportunity to appeal to his compatriots to continue paying high attention to the health preventive measures, especially the “Three Dos, Three Don’ts” as well as to get vaccinated against the pandemic.

Samdech Techo PM suggested the Ministry of Health to check the case of some 70,000 people who have not been allowed by medical doctors for the COVID-19 vaccination.

Samdech Techo PM also reminded the booster dose campaign for the teenagers aged from 12 to under 18 years old, which begins today in Phnom Penh capital and the provinces of Kandal, Preah Sihanouk and Koh Kong.

As of January 2, 2022, Cambodia registered in total 120,510 COVID-19 confirmed cases, of which 116,940 have recovered and 3,013 have died.

## Siem Reap Welcomes First Foreign Arrivals



67 multi-national foreign tourists travelling via Singapore Airlines to Siem Reap province have been warmly welcomed by H.E. Tea Seiha, the Governor of Siem Reap province on December 17, 2021.

This is the first arrival of foreign passengers after the reopening of Cambodia as well as his province to welcome fully vaccinated foreign tourists.

According to H.E. Tea Seiha, besides the Singapore Airlines, another flight by Lanmei Airlines to the province will also receive the same hospitality.

Foreign visitors passing through the Siem Reap International Airport are required to have a rapid-test of COVID-19 from Cambodian medical teams.





## Australia-donated Pfizer Vaccines Arrive in Cambodia

## The Kingdom of Cambodia preparing for ASEAN Tourism Forum in Mid-January



The Kingdom of Cambodia has been preparing to host the ASEAN Tourism Forum in two weeks, according to the Ministry of Tourism.

H.E. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism and H.E. Kuoch Chamroeun, Governor of Preah Sihanouk province held a preparatory meeting on Sunday(2 JAN) and led a delegation to inspect the venue for the forthcoming ASEAN Tourism Forum 2022 (ATF 2022).

Cambodia will host the 40th ASEAN Tourism Forum from 16 to 22 January 2022 in Preah Sihanouk coastal province.

Cambodia this evening (26 DEC) received 783,000 of the over 2.35 million doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine committed by the Government and people of Australia to the Government and people of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Tourism ministers and senior officials from the ten ASEAN Member States have confirmed to join the ATF 2022 and other related meetings, the ministry said, adding that 107 buyers from 35 countries, including 7 local buyers, will participate in the TRAVEX, the forum's travel trade fair, of 187 stands.

The handover-receiving ceremony took place at Phnom Penh International Airport this evening under the presidency of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia and Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Australian Embassy in Cambodia Mr. Andreas Zurbrugg.

H.E Thong Khon recommended all relevant working groups to cooperate with the provincial authorities to ensure the smooth and safe process of ATF 2022 in conformity with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Ministry of Health and the SOP for Tourism of Preah Sihanouk provincial administration.

Speaking on the occasion, Samdech Techo Hun Sen thanked Australia for the precious donation, stressing that it is a good act of Australia to Cambodia as well as to the humanity as a whole in the fight against COVID-19.

Samdach Techo Premier Minister asked Australia to continue supporting the fight, build Cambodia's capacity in health security, and strengthen public health as well as promote Cambodian economic growth with sustainability and inclusiveness.



For his part, Mr. Andreas Zurbrugg congratulated Cambodia on the outstanding job in vaccinating against the pandemic and underlined that the donated vaccines, a bilateral and grant aid, are additional to Australia's assistance of some 135 million AUD to COVAX Advance Market Commitment. More than 1.56 million more doses of Australia-donated Pfizer vaccines will be arrived in Cambodia on December 28 2021.



With the newly arrived vaccines, Cambodia has now nearly 42 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines from purchases and donations: 7,800,000 doses of Sinopharm, 29,424,800 doses of Sinovac, 2,661,400 doses of AstraZeneca, 1,064,600 doses of Johnson & Johnson, 783,000 doses of Pfizer, and 188,160 doses of Moderna. Of the vaccines, more than 3 million were from COVAX Facility. As of today(26 DEC), more than 89 percent of the total Cambodian population of 16 million have been inoculated against the COVID-19 pandemic.