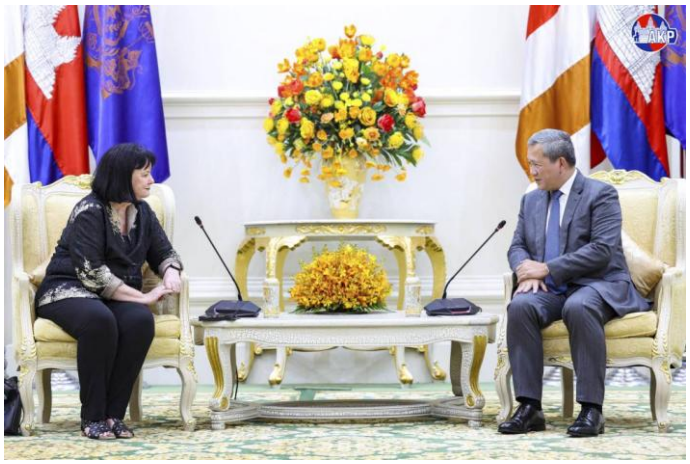


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1. Bendigo Kangan Institute Pledges to Help Develop Cambodia's Skilled Workforce



22 October 2026,
Bendigo Kangan Institute (BKI) has pledged to continue supporting Cambodia in developing its skilled workforce through vocational training programmes tailored to the country's needs and labour market demands.

The commitment was made by Ms. Sharan BURROW, Chair of the BKI Board, during a courtesy call and working meeting with Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister, at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh on 22 Oct 2026.

During the meeting, Ms. Sharan Burrow briefed the Prime Minister on BKI's progress in promoting skills development and building a skilled workforce, while expressing appreciation for the institute's partnership with Cambodia.

She reaffirmed BKI's commitment to contributing to Cambodia's economic growth through vocational training and stressed that developing skilled workers is essential to economic diversification. She also






pledged to strengthen cooperation with relevant Cambodian ministries and institutions, particularly the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, to develop training models suited to the country's circumstances and support the Royal Government's technical and vocational education and training (TVET) policy.

In response, Samdech Thipadei welcomed and highly appreciated BKI's efforts to help build and develop Cambodia's skilled workforce.

Before concluding the meeting, Samdech Thipadei encouraged BKI's leadership and its team to maintain close cooperation with relevant Cambodian ministries and institutions to ensure that skills training responds to current and future labour market demands and that cooperation plans translate into tangible and effective results.

2. Cambodia, Viet Nam Agree to Elevate Bilateral Relations to New Level



9 October 2026,
Cambodia and Viet Nam have agreed to further strengthen and deepen their bilateral relations and expand cooperation across key sectors, reaffirming their commitment to advancing ties to a new level as the two countries prepare to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2027.

The agreement was reached during a meeting between Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Mnister of Cambodia and H.E. Le Minh Hung, Prime Minister of Viet Nam, at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh on 9 Oct 2026, during the latter's official visit to Cambodia.

Samdech Thipadei warmly welcomed his Vietnamese counterpart and the accompanying high-level delegation, noting that the visit reflected Viet Nam's commitment to further strengthening relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Both leaders expressed satisfaction with the progress of bilateral relations and cooperation across various fields. They highlighted that 2027 would mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Viet Nam and be celebrated as the Cambodia-Viet Nam Year of Friendship.

The two Prime Ministers also discussed ways to elevate bilateral relations to a new level and expand practical cooperation in key areas, including politics, defence and security, the economy, trade and investment, agriculture, energy, education and vocational training, infrastructure connectivity, tourism, and people-to-people exchanges.

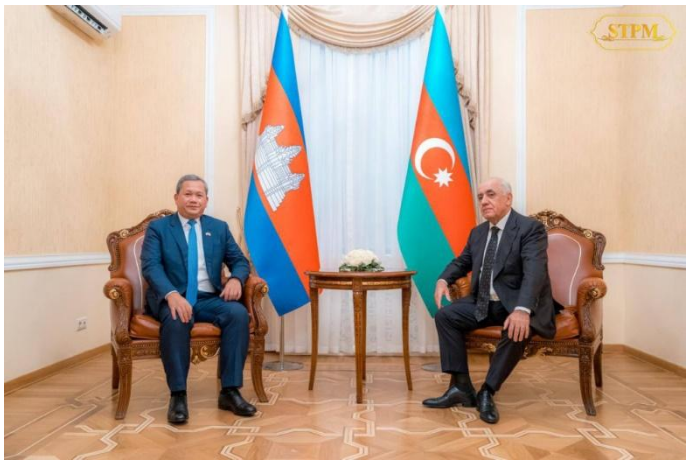
Before concluding the meeting, Samdech Thipadei briefed his Vietnamese counterpart on recent developments in the Cambodia-Thailand border situation, reaffirming Cambodia's commitment to resolving border issues peacefully, based on int'l law and in accordance with conventions, treaties and agreements between the countries concerned.

Following the meeting, the two Prime Ministers witnessed the exchange of six cooperation documents aimed at strengthening collaboration in drug treatment and rehabilitation, education, cultural heritage preservation, security, trade and economic development.






3. Cambodia, Azerbaijan Pledge to Deepen Bilateral Relations and Cooperation



14 October 2026,
Cambodia and Azerbaijan have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation across a wide range of sectors, including trade, investment, energy security, mine clearance, digital government, transport and defence.

The commitment was made during a bilateral meeting between Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister of Cambodia, and H.E. Ali Asadov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in Baku on 14 Oct 2026.

The meeting took place during Samdech Thipadei's official visit to Azerbaijan and participation in the 7th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), held from 11 to 15 Oct 2026.

Prime Minister Ali Asadov warmly welcomed the Cambodian Prime Minister and expressed his profound appreciation for the visit and participation in the CICA Summit. He noted that the visit provided further momentum for strengthening and deepening bilateral relations and cooperation.

The Azerbaijani Prime Minister also thanked Cambodia for its support for Azerbaijan at regional and int'l forums, particularly for the two countries' continued mutual support within the framework of the United Nations.

In response, Samdech Thipadei expressed his sincere gratitude to the Azerbaijani Government and people for their warm hospitality extended to the Cambodian delegation during the visit. He spoke highly of the progress made in bilateral cooperation and reaffirmed Cambodia's commitment to further strengthening relations for the mutual benefit of both nations.

The two leaders also exchanged views on ways to expand cooperation in economic affairs, trade and investment; share experience and strengthen training in mine clearance and unexploded ordnance removal; ensure energy security; improve transport and logistics connectivity; and enhance security and defence cooperation.

4. Cambodia–Azerbaijan Deepen Trade Ties with New Agreements and Business Forum



Cambodia is seeking to expand trade and economic cooperation with Azerbaijan following the signing of key bilateral agreements during the state visit of Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister to Baku, held on the sidelines of the seventh Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA).






Under the leadership of Prime Minister Hun Manet and President Ilham Aliyev, the two countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Trade and Economic Cooperation and a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement. The Cambodia Chamber of Commerce and the Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce and Industry also signed agreements to promote private-sector cooperation.

On 12 Oct, Samdech Thipadei presided over the Cambodia-Azerbaijan Business Forum in Baku. The event was co-organized by Cambodia's Ministry of Commerce and Azerbaijan's Ministry of Economy, and featured opening remarks by Cambodian Commerce Minister Cham Nimul and Azerbaijani Economy Minister Mikayil Jabbarov. The forum served as a platform to strengthen long-term bilateral cooperation by boosting trade, promoting investment, expanding market access, and facilitating business partnerships. It brought together 107 business representatives, including 90 Azerbaijani companies, to explore investment opportunities and translate economic potential into tangible benefits. More info

5. Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan Pledge to Deepen Bilateral Cooperation





15 October 2026,
Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister held separate bilateral meetings with the presidents of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 15 Oct, reaffirming Cambodia's commitment to strengthening and expanding cooperation with both Central Asian countries.

The meetings took place during the Cambodian Prime Minister's official visit to Azerbaijan and participation in the 7th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), held from 11 to 15 Oct.

In his meeting with Kyrgyz President H.E. Sadyr Japarov, both leaders expressed satisfaction with their discussions and highlighted the opportunity to explore new and practical avenues for strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation. Samdech Thipadei expressed his pleasure at meeting the Kyrgyz president and spoke highly of the progress made in bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The two leaders discussed expanding cooperation in trade and investment, strengthening private-sector connectivity, education and human resource development, particularly in artificial intelligence and technology, tourism, and people-to-people exchanges.






In a separate meeting with Uzbek President H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, both leaders expressed confidence that their discussions would further strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation.

The two leaders spoke highly of more than three decades of bilateral relations and recognised the considerable potential for further expanding cooperation for their mutual benefit.

They agreed to strengthen bilateral ties at all levels through regular and broader exchanges of high-level visits, enhanced bilateral cooperation mechanisms and closer connections between the private sectors of the two countries.

Both sides also discussed opportunities to expand cooperation in trade and investment, tourism, education, cultural exchanges and people-to-people contacts.

6. Cambodia, Kazakhstan Pledge to Deepen Ties, Sign Cooperation Documents



17 October 2026,
Cambodia and Kazakhstan have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation across key sectors, while pledging mutual support within regional and int'l frameworks.

The commitment was made during separate meetings between Cambodian Prime Minister and Kazakh President H.E. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and Prime Minister H.E. Olzhas Bektenov in Astana on 17 Oct, during the Cambodian leader's official visit to Kazakhstan from 16 to 17 Oct.

During his meeting with President Tokayev, the Kazakh leader warmly welcomed Samdech Thipadei and the Cambodian delegation, describing the visit as a historic milestone in Cambodia-Kazakhstan relations. He noted that the visit followed former Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen's trip to Kazakhstan in 1982, when he served as Cambodia's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Both leaders expressed confidence that the visit would open new opportunities to deepen bilateral relations and elevate cooperation to a higher level in the years ahead.

Their discussions focused on political and diplomatic relations, economic cooperation, trade and investment, science and technology, artificial intelligence, security and people-to-people exchanges. They also explored opportunities to promote tourism, provide scholarships to students from both countries and consider establishing an air services agreement.

The two leaders further reaffirmed their commitment to supporting each other within regional and int'l frameworks for the mutual benefit of their peoples.

Following the meeting, Samdech Thipadei and President Tokayev co-chaired a ceremony for the exchange of bilateral cooperation documents covering digital government and information and communications technology, trade and economic cooperation, tourism, culture and fine arts, and the establishment of a sister-city relationship between Phnom Penh and Astana.






In the afternoon, Samdech Thipadei met with Kazakh Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov, who welcomed the Cambodian leader and his delegation and described the visit as an important bridge for further strengthening and expanding bilateral ties.



The Cambodian Premier expressed appreciation for the warm welcome extended by the Kazakh government and people, expressing optimism that the visit would provide fresh momentum for deepening the longstanding relations inherited from previous generations of leaders.

The two Prime Ministers discussed new mechanisms to translate their shared commitments into practical cooperation across political and diplomatic affairs, trade, investment, science and technology, artificial intelligence, security, law and finance.

They also highlighted the importance of cooperation in preventing transnational crime and combating technology-related offences, alongside strengthening people-to-people connections.

7. UNCLOS Conciliation Commission Announces Confidence-Building Measures between Cambodia and Thailand



19 October 2026,
The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) has today announced that the Conciliation Commission constituted under Annex V to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) finalised a set of confidence-building measures between Cambodia and Thailand at the second meeting in The Hague, the Netherlands.

According to a press release issued on 19 Oct by the MFA.IC, the confidence-building measures are aimed at strengthening mutual trust, enhancing communication, and fostering an atmosphere conducive to reaching an agreement. The full set of measures, which reflect the Parties' shared belief in dialogue and the rule of law, and their commitment to engage constructively in the conciliation process, are set out in the annex to the PCA's Press Release.

Among the agreed measures, the Commission noted that understanding and measures previously agreed by the Parties are not yet fully implemented. It encourages the Parties to implement undertakings that would help create an environment conducive to constructive negotiations within the conciliation. In this context, the Commission encourages both Parties to endeavour to enhance their diplomatic representation by appointing a senior level representative to the other Party's capital.






The Commission also encouraged both Parties to participate constructively and openly on the technical aspects of the delimitation in a working group under auspices of the Commission. In light of the Commission's recommendations above, both Parties agree to undertake actions or measures that could help build trust and confidence between them, including those identified above.

In addition, the Parties recognised each other's right to make statements to protect their legitimate rights or to correct factual misinformation and disinformation. In order to foster an atmosphere conducive to reaching an agreement, both Parties will undertake to exercise restraint in public communications and statements that could contribute to negative public sentiment or heighten tension between the peoples of the two countries.

Cambodia reiterated its appreciation to the Commission and the PCA for helping reach agreement on these confidence-building measures. The Kingdom also reaffirmed its full support for the conciliation process that it initiated and belief that int'l law provides the pathway for peaceful resolution of disputes between States.

8. Senate First Vice-President Urges Respect for International Law, Sovereignty



Cambodia's Senate First Vice-President Ouch Borith, speaking at the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly in Tanzania, called for stronger adherence to int'l law, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, accountability, and inclusive governance as foundations for lasting peace and sustainable development. He highlighted Cambodia's Win-Win Policy as a key achievement in national reconciliation.

Addressing the Cambodia–Thailand border situation, he raised concerns over territorial occupation, restrictions on displaced civilians returning home, and damage to Preah Vihear Temple. He reaffirmed Cambodia's commitment to resolving disputes peacefully in accordance with int'l law, the UN Charter and the ASEAN Charter.

He outlined five priorities: compliance with int'l law, protection of sovereignty, accountability for violations, humanitarian assistance and justice, and meaningful community participation in governance. He also emphasised the role of parliaments in promoting transparency, strengthening public trust and advancing inclusive and sustainable peace. More info

9. Cambodia Steps Up Preparations for 20th Francophonie Summit



13 October 2026,
Cambodia is stepping up preparations to welcome int'l delegations to the 20th Francophonie Summit, scheduled for November 2026 in Phnom Penh, where the Kingdom will serve as both host and chair. The summit is expected to bring together heads of state and government and delegations from approximately 90 countries.






The summit will be held under the theme "Reinvest in Peace for Shared Prosperity and Lasting Stability," reflecting Cambodia's experience in peacebuilding and its commitment to multilateral cooperation.

To facilitate access to information, the National Francophonie Commission has launched the official website, www.francophonie2026.gov.kh, in Khmer, French and English. It provides programme schedules, media accreditation services and information on Cambodian tourist destinations.

The summit is expected to mark an important milestone in Cambodia's int'l engagement, demonstrating its capacity to host a major int'l gathering and strengthen cooperation with the wider Francophone community.

10. "Cambodia Pavilion" at the SIAL PARIS 2026 International Food Exhibition in Paris, French Republic



Cambodia participated in SIAL Paris 2026, one of the world's leading food industry exhibitions, to promote Cambodian agricultural and food products and expand export opportunities in int'l markets.

On 17 Oct 2026, H.E. SAMHENG Bora, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Commerce and Head of the Export Promotion Task Force, presided over the inauguration of the Cambodia Pavilion at the Paris Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre in France.

On 19 Oct 2026, H.E. CHAM Nimul, Minister of Commerce, met with H.E. Nicolas Forissier, France's Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness, to strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation. The Minister also visited the Cambodia Pavilion alongside H.E. DITH Tina, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and other delegates. Organised by the Ministry of Commerce with support from the European Union and the Federal Government of Germany, the pavilion, under the theme "Cambodia: Basket of Wonders," featured 16 Cambodian companies showcasing export-potential products, including cashew nuts, dried tropical fruits, pepper, spices, and ready-to-cook food products. Cambodia's participation aimed to raise the int'l profile of Cambodian products, strengthen business connections, and expand access to global markets. In addition, the event featured the launch of the cookbook GI Journey: Flavors of Cambodia's Culinary and a showcase of Cambodian cuisine to promote the country's culinary heritage, cooking traditions, and culinary identity More info

11. MAFF Plans Crop Insurance and Solar Irrigation for Modern Cooperatives



Cambodia's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) is considering disaster-related insurance for modern agricultural cooperatives to protect farmers against climate-related losses, particularly from droughts and floods. According to






ministry spokesman Khim Finan, climate change has significantly affected rice production, highlighting the need for stronger financial protection and climate resilience.

From July to September, drought destroyed more than 200,000 hectares of rice crops across 10 provinces, while flooding affected approximately 160,000 hectares. Since 2023, the government has established 40 modern agricultural cooperatives involving nearly 6,000 farming families across approximately 2,000 hectares, supporting collective production, productivity and market access.

To reduce production costs and dependence on fuel, MAFF is also studying solar powered irrigation systems as an alternative to oil-powered water pumps. These initiatives aim to strengthen farmers' resilience to increasingly unpredictable weather, reduce operating expenses and support sustainable agricultural production amid rising input costs and climate risks. More info

12. Cambodia Cashew Federation Elects New Leadership'



On 7 October 2026, H.E. VA Rutsan, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Commerce, presided over the first-term closing General Assembly of the Cambodia Cashew Federation in Phnom Penh, which included the election of its second-term president and board members.

The Secretary of State highlighted the Federation's contribution to developing Cambodia's cashew sector and reaffirmed the government's National Cashew Policy 2022–2027, which aims to position Cambodia as a leading cashew producer by boosting domestic processing, expanding direct exports, and strengthening farmer associations and modern agricultural cooperatives.

Following the election, Mr. AN Tara was elected President of the Cambodia Cashew Federation and Chair of its Board of Directors, alongside 12 board members. More info

13. CAFE26 to Showcase Investment and Innovation Opportunities in Cambodia's Agrifood Sector



On 23-25 Oct 2026, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), in collaboration with FAO Cambodia and partners, held **the Cambodia Agriculture and Food Exhibition (CAFE26**) at the Diamond Island Convention and Exhibition Centre in Phnom Penh.

Building on the success of CAFE25, CAFE26 aims to expand investment opportunities, promote innovation, strengthen partnerships, and support the development of Cambodia's agrifood sector.

The three-day event will feature an Agriculture Investment Forum on 23–24 Oct, bringing together government representatives, investors, agribusinesses, financial institutions, and






development partners to explore investment opportunities, financing solutions, agro-processing, market access, agricultural technology, and smart farming. On 25 Oct, the Youth Innovation Forum will showcase young entrepreneurs, startups, researchers, and innovators, while the Agricultural Cooperative Learning Forum will promote knowledge exchange and strengthen cooperatives' governance, financial management, and market connections.

The Agricultural Exhibition, running from 23–25 Oct, is expected to feature more than 400 booths showcasing Cambodian agrifood products, agricultural machinery, drones, digital technologies, processing solutions, agricultural inputs, and climate-smart technologies. The exhibition will also provide opportunities for business networking, technology demonstrations, and knowledge sharing.

With more than 25,000 visitors, 2,000 farmers, and 1,500 forum participants expected, CAFE26 aims to connect farmers with markets, businesses with investors, and innovation with practical solutions. The event will contribute to strengthening partnerships, encouraging investment, and creating new opportunities for sustainable growth across Cambodia's agrifood sector. More info

14. Nearly 3,000 Young Cambodians Apply for Military Service as Conscription Begins



In Oct 2026, Cambodia began implementing its Military Service Law, with nearly 3,000 young people applying for military service on the first day of registration. The initiative marks the first phase of implementing the country's military service system, which aims to strengthen national defence, develop military personnel and improve the skills and discipline of young Cambodians. More Info

15. Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia Strengthen Defence Cooperation

Vietnam Ministry of National Defence Deputy Prime Minister and Minister General Phan Van Giang, Laos Ministry of National Defence Deputy Prime Minister and Minister General Khamliang Outhakaysone, and Cambodia Ministry of National Defence Deputy Prime Minister and Minister General Tea Seiha co-chaired an annual trilateral defence meeting.

Established in 2012, the annual meeting mechanism demonstrates political determination to strengthen solidarity, reinforce trust and promote military cooperation, Giang said. He called for mutual support at regional and int'l forums, particularly within ASEAN, affirming that Vietnam gives top priority to close relations with Laos and Cambodia. More info

16. Cambodia, Philippines Strengthen Military Cooperation on Security and Counterterrorism

General Vong Pisen, Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief, met with Philippine Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt Gen Antonio G Nafarrete in Phnom Penh, reaffirming the two countries' commitment to strengthening military ties and expanding cooperation in regional security and defence.

Gen Pisen expressed confidence that the two militaries would continue to strengthen and expand cooperation in security, information sharing, counterterrorism, combatting transnational crime, cybersecurity, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. More info






17. Cambodia and Vietnam Pledge to Strengthen Defence Cooperation and Turn Border Areas into Zones of Peace

Cambodia and Vietnam pledged to strengthen defence cooperation and transform their shared border areas into zones of peace, friendship and joint development, as the two countries' defence ministers reviewed results of this year's cooperation and continued implementing their cooperation plan for next year.

The commitment was made during a working meeting between General Tea Seiha, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence of Cambodia, and General Phan Văn Giang, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence of Vietnam, at Vietnam's National Defence Ministry. More info

18. Cambodia Supports ASEAN Observer Team Monitoring of Cambodia–Thailand

Throughout October 2026, Cambodia continued to support the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT) in monitoring the Cambodia–Thailand border situation and verifying the implementation of the ceasefire and related measures under the Joint Statement. Through the Cambodian Liaison Group (CLG), Cambodia facilitated field inspections, coordination meetings and the deployment of rotating regional military officers to strengthen observation, transparency and accountability along the border.

19. Cambodia Celebrates Two Decades of UN Peacekeeping, Deploying More Than 10,900 Personnel

24 October 2026,
Cambodia on 24 Oct held a ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of its participation in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations, under the presidency of Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister.



Ms. Vladanka Andreeva, UN Resident Coordinator in Cambodia, was also present at the event, organised at the Multinational Peacekeeping Training Centre in Kampong Speu province.

"Cambodia's 20 years of participation in UN peacekeeping operations also mark the country's transformation from a war-torn nation, once described as a killing field and an insecure region, into a new Cambodia that plays an important role in maintaining regional order and contributing to world peace," he said.

The Prime Minister also stressed that these achievements were made possible by Cambodia's Win-Win Policy, which brought peace, stability and national reconciliation to the country and paved the way for Cambodia to contribute to int'l peacekeeping efforts.

On the occasion, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence H.E. Tea Seiha said April 12, 2006, marked a historic milestone when Cambodia deployed its 135th Mine Clearance Company, comprising 135 military personnel, to Sudan to serve in a UN peacekeeping mission.

Over the past 20 years, Cambodia has deployed a total of 74 contingents, comprising 10,914 military personnel, including 1,083 women, to 10 countries under UN peacekeeping operations, he said.
Cambodian peacekeepers have served in nine areas of expertise, including mine clearance, military police,






horizontal and vertical engineering, airfield engineering, Level 2 hospitals, unexploded ordnance disposal, staff officers and military observers.
The 10 countries are Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, Lebanon, Cyprus, Syria, Mali, the Central African Republic, Yemen and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Currently, 475 Cambodian military personnel are serving in UN peacekeeping missions in Sudan, South Sudan, Lebanon, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, H.E. Tea Seiha added.

Cambodia's participation in UN peacekeeping operations reflects the country's continued commitment to int'l cooperation, the protection of civilians, and the promotion of peace and security around the world, he said.

20. Cambodia Reaffirms Commitment to Strengthening Partnership with United Nations



Cambodia has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening its longstanding partnership with the United Nations (UN), underscoring the importance of peace, multilateral cooperation and sustainable development in building a resilient, inclusive and prosperous future.

The commitment was highlighted by H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and int'l Cooperation, during his remarks at the United Nations Day 2026 commemoration held at Raffles Hotel Le Royal in Phnom Penh on the evening of Oct. 22, marking 71 years of partnership between Cambodia and the UN.
In his remarks, H.E. Prak Sokhonn expressed Cambodia's appreciation for the UN's longstanding contributions to peacebuilding, post-conflict reconstruction and sustainable development in the Kingdom.

He highlighted Cambodia's contributions to UN peacekeeping operations since 2006 and reaffirmed the country's commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes, respect for int'l law and multilateralism.

The Deputy Prime Minister also underscored the importance of continued cooperation in addressing humanitarian challenges, tackling climate change and ensuring Cambodia's smooth and sustainable graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category in 2029.

He reaffirmed Cambodia's determination to deepen its partnership with the UN, guided by the shared conviction that peace is the foundation, partnership is the strength, and sustainable development is the shared destination, towards a resilient, inclusive and prosperous future for all.

For her part, Ms. Vladanka Andreeva, UN Resident Coordinator in Cambodia, stressed the importance of int'l solidarity and multilateral cooperation in addressing global challenges.

She highlighted the UN's partnership with the Royal Government of Cambodia and development partners in advancing sustainable development, strengthening institutions and expanding access to essential services and opportunities.

Ms. Andreeva also emphasised the importance of achieving tangible results and ensuring that no one is left behind.






21. Nearly 900 Foreign Tourists Arrive in Cambodia Aboard Viking Venus



22 October 2026,
A foreign cruise ship, Viking Venus, arrived at the Sihanoukville Autonomous Port on 22 Oct, bringing 856 int'l tourists to Cambodia for a two-day visit from 22 to 23 Oct.

According to immigration police officials at the int'l port, the Norwegian-flagged vessel measures 228.30 metres in length, 28.80 metres in width and has a draught of 6.65 metres. It carried 856 passengers, including 448 women, representing 27 nationalities, along with 467 crew members, including 112 women, from 35 nationalities.

The ship arrived at 6:40 a.m. after departing from a port in Vietnam. It is scheduled to leave Sihanoukville Autonomous Port at 2 p.m. on Oct. 23 for a port in Thailand.

Among the passengers, Americans accounted for the largest group, with 686 people, including 364 women, followed by 52 Australians, including 25 women. In addition, 25 tourists from Siem Reap were continuing their journey aboard the vessel, representing two nationalities.

The arrival marks the second foreign cruise ship call during the current rainy season. As the dry season approaches, cruise ships are expected to bring more int'l visitors to Cambodia, particularly European tourists visiting Preah Sihanouk province.

The growth in cruise tourism reflects the Royal Government of Cambodia's policy and strategy to promote tourism as a "green gold" sector that contributes to national economic growth and household incomes.

During their stay, the visitors can explore various attractions in Preah Sihanouk province, including the Tomnub Rolok fishing village, local markets, cultural and religious sites such as pagodas, scenic beaches and local monuments.

The tourists were welcomed upon arrival by the Deputy Governor of Preah Sihanouk province and relevant officials.

22. Phnom Penh Named World's Third Best Big City by Condé Nast Traveler

8 October 2026,
Phnom Penh has been named the third Best Big City in the World for 2026 in the Readers' Choice Awards of renowned U.S. travel magazine Condé Nast Traveler, recognised for its vibrant riverside charm, royal heritage and growing culinary scene.

The Cambodian capital climbed seven places from 10th in 2025 to secure third place this year, ranking ahead of major int'l destinations including Shanghai, Sydney, Montreal, Paris, Cape Town, Singapore and Kyoto.

Seoul was ranked as the world's Best Big City, followed by Tokyo.

The 2026 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards were based on a total of 798,867 votes from readers across various categories, including cities, hotels, resorts, airlines and airports.

The latest recognition highlights Phnom Penh's growing appeal as an int'l travel destination, combining its cultural and historical heritage with its dynamic urban atmosphere and evolving food scene.

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