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Samdech Techo Hun Sen Receives Newly Appointed New Zealand Ambassador to Cambodia



Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Acting Head of State of the Kingdom of Cambodia, received H.E. Ms. Raylene Siale Tagaloa Liufalani, newly appointed Ambassador of New Zealand to Cambodia, who presented her Letter of Credence at the Senate's Solidarity Palace in Phnom Penh on Sept. 25.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen said he believed that the Ambassador's presence in Cambodia would contribute to further strengthening and expanding relations between Cambodia and New Zealand.

H.E. Ms. Liufalani expressed her appreciation to Samdech Techo Hun Sen for granting her the opportunity to present her credentials and pay a courtesy call. She spoke positively of the good and growing relations between the two countries and expressed her admiration for Cambodia's rapid development.



Recalling her visit to Cambodia with her husband some 20 years ago, the Ambassador said she was impressed by the country's transformation upon returning two decades later, describing Cambodia's progress and resilience as remarkable.

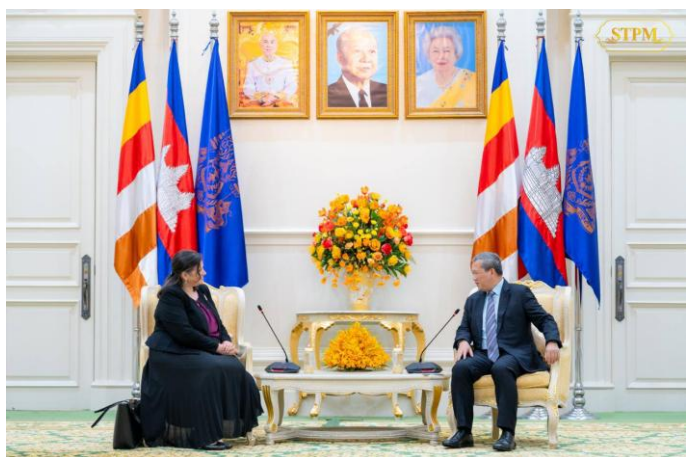
She also highlighted New Zealand's longstanding support for Cambodia, particularly in mine clearance and scholarships for Cambodian students to study in New Zealand.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen welcomed the Ambassador's remarks and expressed appreciation for New Zealand's continued support for the Cambodian Government and people, particularly in human resource development.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Samdech Techo Hun Sen wished H.E. Raylene Siale Tagaloa Liufalani success in fulfilling her mission as New Zealand's Ambassador to Cambodia.

New Zealand Ambassador Pledges to Further Strengthen Ties and Cooperation with Cambodia

Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet Prime Minister received H.E. Ms. Raylene Siale Tagaloa Liufalani, newly appointed Ambassador of New Zealand to Cambodia, for a courtesy call and working discussion at the Peace Palace on Sept. 28.



H.E. Ms. Raylene Siale Tagaloa Liufalani expressed her pleasure at being appointed New Zealand's new ambassador to Cambodia and spoke highly of the bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

She described New Zealand and Cambodia as long-standing friends and partners and expressed New Zealand's pride in its contributions to Cambodia's recovery, reconstruction and socioeconomic development over the years.

The Ambassador highlighted strong bilateral cooperation in key areas, including mine and unexploded ordnance clearance, water resources management, climate change, environment, agriculture, women and youth empowerment, and scholarships for Cambodian students to study in New Zealand.

The Ambassador stressed that during her diplomatic tenure, she would continue efforts to further advance and strengthen New Zealand-Cambodia relations and cooperation, both bilaterally and within the regional framework.

In response, Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet congratulated the Ambassador on her appointment and expressed confidence that bilateral relations and cooperation would continue to grow stronger and further develop during her tenure.

Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet expressed appreciation for New Zealand's contributions to Cambodia's recovery, reconstruction and socioeconomic development, as well as its continued provision of scholarships for Cambodian students and cooperation in mine and unexploded ordnance clearance. He also highlighted cooperation involving Cambodian peacekeeping forces in humanitarian and international peacekeeping missions under the United Nations.

The Prime Minister and the Ambassador also exchanged views on new opportunities to further advance bilateral cooperation in areas with strong potential, including the economy, trade and investment, new technology transfer, renewable energy, tourism, human resource development through technical and vocational training, and people-to-people connectivity.



PM Hun Manet Commends Successful International Conference on Online Scams



Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet Prime Minister commended the successful organisation of the International Conference on Combating Online Scams (ICCOS-2026), which concluded on Sept. 24 with the adoption of the “Phnom Penh Declaration on Acting Together Towards Breaking the Chain and Eradication of Online Scams.”

Speaking at the plenary session of the Council of Ministers at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh on Sept. 25, Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet highly valued the outcome of the international conference, held under the theme “Acting Together Towards Breaking the Chain and Eradication of Online Scams.”

Through the two-day conference, Cambodia clearly demonstrated to the international community its strong commitment to preventing and combating all forms of online scams and related criminal activities.

The achievement received appreciation and support from friendly countries and international organisations, which recognised that no country can effectively address online scams on its own.

The Phnom Penh Declaration was adopted by participating delegates from 28 countries and seven international organisations.

The declaration sets out 11 key commitments aimed at strengthening international cooperation in combating online scams and related transnational criminal activities.

The commitments call for concerted national, regional and international action, including strengthening international cooperation; breaking the criminal chain; disrupting and recovering criminal proceeds; leveraging technological innovation; strengthening policy, legal and regulatory frameworks; building capacity and resilience; deepening public-private partnerships; protecting trafficked victims and vulnerable persons; implementing the non-punishment principle for victims; preventing fraud and human trafficking; and dismantling online scam compounds and related infrastructure.

Canada has also announced its support for and endorsement of the Phnom Penh Declaration, the outcome document of ICCOS-2026. [More info](#)

FBI and Australian Federal Police Pledge Continued Support for Cambodia's Fight Against Online Scams

Senior representatives of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Australian Federal Police (AFP) have reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Cambodian law enforcement authorities in combating online scams and other transnational crimes.





The commitment was made during separate working meetings between H.E. Keo Vannthan, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Interior, and senior representatives of the FBI and AFP on the sidelines of Cambodia's International Conference on Combating Online Scams, which concluded on Sept. 24.

During the meeting, Commander Graeme Marshall, Cyber Crime Operations Commander of the AFP, welcomed a potential delegation from Cambodia's Ministry of Interior to study Australia's Joint Policing Cybercrime Coordination Centre (JPC3), which has a role similar to Cambodia's planned center for combating online scams, announced by the Minister of Interior during the high-level forum of the international conference.

H.E. Keo Vannthan said that, despite being separate meetings, both the FBI and AFP representatives agreed to further strengthen cooperation with Cambodia through the timely exchange of information on priority crimes, particularly online scams and cybercrime.

The two sides also agreed to continue providing capacity-building training for Cambodian National Police officers, including training core trainers in Cambodia and opportunities for Cambodian officers to receive direct training in Australia or the United States.

Both partners congratulated Cambodia's Ministry of Interior on the renewal of the relevant Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and on the results of joint operations to investigate and crack down on cryptocurrency scams and online extortion.

According to a report from the Ministry of Interior, between Jul. 1, 2025 and Aug. 28, 2026, Cambodian authorities cracked down on 832 scam locations, including 86 large-scale locations, and sent 408 cases to court, involving 3,477 suspects who were detained.

During the same period, authorities conducted administrative security inspections at more than 38,169 locations, deported 22,142 foreigners from 38 nationalities, and froze assets linked to offenses worth more than US\$300 million. [More info](#)

Cambodia Urges Peaceful Resolution and Trust-Building in Border Dispute with Thailand in UNGA

Cambodia has called for renewed efforts to restore trust and resolve its border dispute with Thailand through dialogue, existing bilateral agreements and international law, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, H.E. Prak Sokhonn told the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).



Addressing the General Debate of the 81st session of the UNGA in New York on Sept. 26, H.E. Prak Sokhonn said recent tensions and conflict between the two nations had seriously eroded trust and confidence between the two neighbouring countries.

The Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister said the consequences went beyond strained bilateral relations, citing damage to cultural heritage and the lingering threat posed by unexploded ordnance.

"Yet geography binds us together," H.E. Prak Sokhonn said, stressing that Cambodia and Thailand would remain permanent neighbours and that the peace, stability and prosperity of their peoples were closely interconnected.

He said rebuilding trust was therefore essential to the future of bilateral relations and to maintaining lasting peace and good-neighbourly relations.



According to the Cambodian Foreign Minister, restoring trust should be based on concrete commitments and the full and effective implementation, in good faith, of agreements reached between the two countries.



H.E. Prak Sokhonn referred specifically to the Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration, the Fuxian Consensus, and the Joint Statement of Dec. 27, 2025. He said the latter included commitments by both sides to renounce the threat or use of force, respect international boundaries, de-escalate tensions, rebuild trust and advance the normalisation of bilateral relations.

H.E. Prak Sokhonn also called for the prompt resumption of survey and demarcation work by the Joint Boundary Commission, saying such work could contribute to resolving outstanding boundary-related claims and establishing a clear and mutually recognised boundary in accordance with international law and existing treaties and agreements between Cambodia and Thailand.

H.E. Prak Sokhonn also raised the issue of Cambodian civilians who, according to his statement, remain unable to return to their homes because of what Cambodia describes as continued military occupation and obstruction.

More than 20,000 Cambodian civilians remained affected, he said, referring to remarks by a UN Special Rapporteur who visited the border in July, quoting the official as saying that the civilians “need and deserve to go home.”

H.E. Prak Sokhonn further called for the cessation of activities in occupied territories, arguing that such activities could create or consolidate a “fait accompli.” He said ending such activities would provide a tangible demonstration of goodwill and respect for international law.

On the maritime dispute, the Cambodian Foreign Minister also linked the broader issue of peaceful dispute settlement to the maritime dispute between Cambodia and Thailand.

H.E. Prak Sokhonn said Thailand had decided in May to unilaterally terminate the 2001 MOU, which Cambodia considers the only existing legal framework specifically established to address the two countries' maritime disputes.

Cambodia subsequently initiated compulsory conciliation proceedings under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

The move was intended to protect Cambodia's sovereignty and maritime rights in accordance with international law, while maintaining Cambodia's stated preference for a peaceful relationship with Thailand based on cooperation and mutual respect, he underlined.

H.E. Prak Sokhonn also expressed Cambodia's appreciation to the Conciliation Commission for its willingness to assist the two countries in resolving the maritime dispute peacefully, following its first meeting in Singapore earlier in Sept.

He described the conciliation as an opportunity to bridge differences, rebuild trust and establish a stronger foundation for peaceful and constructive relations between Cambodia and Thailand.

Throughout his remarks, H.E. Prak Sokhonn framed Cambodia's approach to the border and maritime disputes as part of its broader commitment to the peaceful settlement of international disputes.



H.E. Prak Sokhonn emphasised that sovereign equality should remain a fundamental principle of international relations and said the UN Charter should apply equally to all member states, regardless of their size or power.

For Cambodia, he said, restoring trust between neighbouring countries requires respect for international law, implementation of existing agreements and practical measures to reduce tensions.

UNCLOS Conciliation Commission Concludes First Meeting between Cambodia and Thailand



The Conciliation Commission constituted under Annex V to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) has concluded its first meeting with Cambodia and Thailand in Singapore, according to a press release issued by Cambodia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on Sept. 16.

Cambodia expressed its appreciation to the Commission for its careful and considered approach to the proceedings, reaffirming its confidence in and support for the conciliation process.

During the meeting, H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, and H.E. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, signed the Terms of Appointment and finalised the Rules of Procedure governing the proceedings.

In his opening statement, H.E. Prak Sokhonn said Cambodia's overriding objective was to achieve a resolution that would serve the interests of the peoples of both countries and contribute to peace, cooperation, and shared prosperity in the region.

He outlined Cambodia's intention to work with Thailand, with the assistance of the Conciliation Commission, towards concluding a treaty delimiting a single, all-purpose maritime boundary between the two countries.

Should such a boundary agreement not be reached, Cambodia also expressed its intention to seek an agreement on the joint development and equitable sharing of resources in the overlapping area pending a final agreement on the maritime boundary.

If neither a maritime boundary agreement nor a joint development arrangement can be achieved, Cambodia would request the Commission to prepare recommendations that could serve as a basis for future negotiations, in accordance with the obligations of both countries under UNCLOS.

The Ministry said the Commission will hold further meetings with Cambodia and Thailand in the coming months as the conciliation process continues.

Cambodia reaffirmed its commitment to engaging constructively and in good faith with the aim of reaching a fair and lasting resolution of the maritime differences between the two countries, including the development of energy resources in the Overlapping Claims Area for the benefit of both sides.

The Ministry also stressed Cambodia's view that international law provides a pathway for the peaceful resolution of disputes between States, adding that Cambodia entered the proceedings in a spirit of cooperation and with full confidence in the conciliation process. [More info](#)



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CAMBODIA'S RECOURSE TO UNCLOS IS AIMED TO RESOLVE ITS MARITIME BOUNDARY ISSUE WITH THAILAND FOLLOWING THAILAND'S UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF THE MOU-2001, THE ONLY BILATERAL MECHANISM THAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES



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CAMBODIA CHOSE UNCLOS TO FIND A PEACEFUL PATHWAY FORWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW.

CAMBODIA SEES THIS CONCILIATION PROCESS AS A MEANS TO REBUILD TRUST, NOT AS A FORM OF ESCALATION.


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Cambodia expresses its sincere gratitude to the Commission for its careful and considered approach to the proceedings. The Commission will continue to receive Cambodia's full confidence and support.

During the meeting, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Sihasak PHUANGKETKEOW, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand signed the Terms of Appointment and finalised the Rules of Procedure governing the proceedings.

In his opening statement, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn outlined that Cambodia's overriding objective is to achieve a resolution that serves the peoples of both nations and contributes to peace, cooperation and shared prosperity in the region.

He also expressed Cambodia's intention to conclude, with the Commission's assistance, a treaty with Thailand delimiting a single, all-purpose maritime boundary between the two States, or an agreement for the joint development and equitable sharing of resources pending final agreement on their maritime boundary. If neither of these options are achieved, Cambodia would request the Commission to prepare recommendations that could serve as a basis for future negotiations, in accordance with both countries' obligations under UNCLOS.

The Commission will hold further meetings with both Cambodia and Thailand, which are expected to take place in the coming months.

Cambodia remains fully committed to engaging constructively and in good faith with the aim of reaching a fair and lasting resolution of the Parties' maritime differences, including the development of energy resources in the Overlapping Claims Area for the benefit of both countries.

Cambodia firmly believes that international law provides the pathway for the peaceful resolution of disputes between States and enters these proceedings in a spirit of cooperation, with full trust in the conciliation process.

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CAMBODIA SINCERELY HOPES THAT THAILAND WILL ENGAGE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THIS PROCESS AND, IN PARALLEL, WILL WORK TOWARDS IMPROVING RELATIONS THROUGH THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE JOINT STATEMENT OF 27 DECEMBER 2025.



Defense Minister Tea Seiha Visits Australia to Deepen Military Ties



National Defense Minister General Tea Seiha is leading a Cambodian delegation on an official visit to Australia to strengthen defense relations between the two countries.

The visit is being made at the invitation of Australian Defense Minister Richard Marles and marks the first official visit by a Cambodian Minister of National Defense to the country.

During his five-day visit, Gen Seiha is scheduled to hold talks with Marles and meet senior defense officials.

Discussions are expected to focus on strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in defense affairs, with the visit expected to reaffirm longstanding friendly ties. [More info](#)

Defense Minister Attends Beijing Xiangshan Forum, Boosts Bilateral and Regional Defence Cooperation

National Defense Minister General Tea Seiha is leading a high-level military delegation to China to attend the 13th Beijing Xiangshan Forum and hold bilateral talks with his Chinese counterpart and other regional defence officials.

At the invitation of Chinese National Defense Minister Admiral Dong Jun, Gen Seiha is joining the forum in Beijing, according to a Ministry of National Defence press release.

During the forum, Gen Seiha is scheduled to deliver a speech at the second plenary session, which will focus on “Localised Conflicts: Predicaments and Pathways to Resolution”. [More info](#)



Secretary of State of the Ministry of National Defense, Led a Briefing for the Military Attaché Corps Phnom Penh

On the morning of Sept. 3, 2026, H.E. Lt. Gen. Rath Dararoth, led a briefing for the Military Attaché Corps Phnom Penh (MACPP), comprising 22 representatives from 18 countries, on the latest developments and situation along the Cambodia–Thailand border.





Cambodian Liaison Group Coordinated a Field Visit for the ASEAN Observer Team in Cambodia

On Sept. 10, 2026, the Cambodian Liaison Group (CLG) coordinated a field visit for the ASEAN Observer Team in Cambodia (AOT-KH), led by the Head of Mission (HOM) from the Philippines, to observe, verify, and report on the situation along the Cambodia–Thailand border in the area of Preah Vihear Temple, Preah Vihear Province—the World Heritage Site and a treasure of humanity that has suffered immense damage from attacks by the Thai military.

On Sept. 16, 2026, the CLG facilitated a field visit for Brigadier General ANTERO S. NARCISE PN (M), Deputy Inspector General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the AOT-KH to observe the situation on the ground along the Cambodia–Thailand border at the Boeung Trakoun Border Checkpoint, located in Kouk Romiet Commune, Thma Puok District, Banteay Meanchey Province.

At the same day, the CLG facilitated a field visit for Brigadier General ANTERO S. NARCISE PN (M), Deputy Inspector General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the AOT-KH to observe the situation on the ground along the Cambodia–Thailand border and at the displaced civilian camp located in Rong Cham Village, Banteay Meanchey Province. Currently, 3,318 families—comprising 13,259 individuals—remain unable to return to their homes, as their houses were immensely destroyed by bombardment through airstrikes, artillery fire, and the unlawful occupation by Thai military forces.

Cambodia Urges International Support to Clear Thai-Dropped M-Series Cluster Bomb Remnants



Cambodia has called on the international community and development partners with technical expertise to provide urgent resources and assistance to clean up newly identified M-series cluster bomb remnants dropped by Thai forces on Cambodian territory.

According to technical research by the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC), unexploded submunitions—specifically M42, M46, and M85 types—were newly identified within Cambodia. These remnants were left behind following the Thai incursions in Jul. and Dec. 2025.

CMAC warned that these M-series cluster submunitions pose an immediate threat to life, capable of detonating at any moment and endangering local villagers and children residing or farming in the affected border areas. Unexploded M-series submunitions from the Thai invasion have already caused 10 Cambodian casualties to date.

The Cambodian delegation led by Senior Minister H.E. Dr. Ly Thuch, First Vice President of the Cambodian Mine Action & Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA), made the appeal during a side event titled "From Evidence to Action: Advancing Cluster Munition Remnant Survey through Regional Cooperation" at the 3rd Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, held in Vientiane, Laos, from Sept. 14–18, 2026. [More info](#)



The 6th Cambodia–Australia Senior Officials’ Talks



On Sept. 11, 2026, H.E. Dr. UN Kheang, Secretary of State of MFA.IC, and H.E. Michelle Chan, Deputy Secretary of DFAT, co-chaired the Sixth Senior Officials’ Talks (SOTs) in Phnom Penh.

The two sides expressed satisfaction with the positive development of the longstanding relations between the two countries and explored ways to further strengthen and expand cooperation in priority areas, including the economy, trade and investment, defense and security, agriculture and agro-industry, clean energy, education, and mine clearance. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues, including the latest developments along the Cambodia–Thailand border. H.E. Dr. UN Kheang reaffirmed Cambodia’s commitment to resolving the border dispute peacefully, in accordance with international law and existing agreements.

The two sides also discussed plans for joint activities to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Cambodia–Australia diplomatic relations in 2027. At the conclusion of the discussions, both sides agreed to hold the 7th SOTs in Australia. [More info](#)

The 3rd Cambodia Digital Trade Forum and Online Expo

On Sept. 11-13, 2026, the Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia launched the “**3rd Cambodia Digital Trade Forum and Online Expo – DTF**” at the Koh Pich Convention and Exhibition Center, under the theme “*Advancing Cambodia’s Digital Trade Toward 2030.*” at the Koh Pich Convention and Exhibition Center.

The Ministry is focusing on building a trusted, inclusive and competitive digital trade ecosystem, with Cambodia’s e-commerce revenue estimated at US\$1.1 billion in 2025 and projected to reach US\$1.8 billion by 2029. A key focus is helping Cambodian SMEs, women and rural entrepreneurs use technology and AI to access wider markets and participate in regional digital value chains.



The three-day forum brings together government, businesses, entrepreneurs and international partners through high-level dialogues, a Hackathon, Women in Digital Trade, youth programmes and a Khmer products expo—aiming to turn digital innovation into concrete business and export opportunities. [More info](#)

Announcement on The Implementation of Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-Certificate of Origin)

On Sept. 1, 2026, the Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia would like to inform all producers and exporters that, to further enhance trade facilitation through modernization of serving public service via electronic system to ensure transparency, prevent original fraud, and comply with the requirements of rules of origin under preferential trade schemes and non-preferential trade schemes, the Ministry has introduced the issuance of e-Certificate of Origin through the CO Automation System via co.moc.gov.kh. [More info](#)



The 1st Cambodia Tourism Exhibition

On Sept. 11-13, 2026, The 1st Cambodia Tourism Exhibition, featuring a total of 52 booths, along with cultural performances and various entertainment activities. The event aimed to stimulate domestic tourism, foster national pride, and contribute to the sustainable development of Cambodia's tourism sector.

H.E. HUOT Hak, Minister of Tourism, visited various exhibition booths at the "1st Cambodia Tourism Exhibition," held under the theme "Khmer United for Cambodia's Tourism" at Chip Mong 271 Mega Mall in Phnom Penh.

During the visit, H.E. the Minister inspected and learned about tourism products and services, tour packages, and locally made Cambodian products. He also interacted with and encouraged tourism operators, local producers, entrepreneurs, and business owners participating in the exhibition.

Angkor Autumn Equinox Draws Crowds Despite Cloudy Skie



The 2026 Autumn Equinox event at the Angkor Archaeological Park attracted vast crowds of national and international tourists on the morning of Sept. 21, even as overcast weather obscured the expected sunrise behind the iconic central tower.

The biannual phenomenon showcases the remarkable alignment of natural solar cycles with ancient Khmer architectural precision.

Despite heavy cloud cover preventing a clear view of the sun cresting the main spire of Angkor Wat, visitors remained enthusiastic, capturing the unique atmosphere of the historic site.

The Angkor Equinox, a natural phenomenon in which the sun rises directly above the central tower of Angkor Wat Temple, creates a striking visual spectacle that reflects the advanced knowledge and precision of Khmer ancestors, demonstrating their ability to integrate astronomical science seamlessly with architectural design.

The phenomenon occurs twice annually: during the vernal equinox from Mar. 21 to 23 and the autumnal equinox from Sept. 21 to 23. [More info](#)

Over 200 Foreign Tourists Land in Sihanoukville via Bahamas Cruise Ship

More than 200 international tourists arrived in Cambodia on Sept. 25, aboard a luxury cruise ship that docked at Sihanoukville Autonomous Port, local immigration officials said.

The Bahamas-flagged cruise vessel Odyssey carrying 236 passengers of 17 nationalities – including 135 women – and 166 crew members from 20 countries safely docked at 8:30 a.m. Local officials from the Preah Sihanouk Provincial Administration warmly welcomed the passengers upon arrival. [More info](#)



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Thank you!