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RG of Cambodia Releases More Measures to Cope with Economic Impacts from COVID-19 Pandemic

The Royal Government of Cambodia today (31 MAR 2020) released a new step of intervention for the economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Five important points were stated in order to reduce the economic impacts in different sectors, including civil aviation, tourism, etc.

On civil aviation sector, the Royal Government will exempt the minimum tax for three months from March to May 2020 for all Cambodian airlines companies and delay the civil aviation fee debt payment for six months and all the airlines companies can pay off the debts by installments after the delay period ends.

For the tourism sector, the Royal Government will extend the exemption of all kinds of monthly tax for all hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, and travel agencies registered at the General Department of Taxation and having their businesses in Phnom Penh capital; Siem Reap, Preah Sihanouk, Kep, Kampot provinces; and Bavet and Poipet cities for three months from March to May 2020, but all have to submit their tax declarations and use E-VAT during this period.

The Royal Government will expand the scope of the mechanism on 20 percent subsidy of the US\$190 minimum wage to all workers and employees affected by the business suspension of hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and travel agencies, and there is (continued to page 2)

Samdech Techo Prime Minister Reappeals to the Public to Join Hands In Combating Covid-19



Head of the Royal Government of Cambodia has once again called on the public, competent authorities, private sector and other all stakeholders to join hands in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the press conference held on 30 March at the National Assembly (NA), after attending an extraordinary parliamentary session, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia released an eight-point measure to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19.

The Premier announced that Cambodia will close all casinos from on April 1, 2020, ban rice export

from April 5 [...] to ensure local food security during the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, but there is no national lockdown.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen also called on the public to further enhance individual's, family's and community's hygiene as now most of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 are imported cases.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister took the opportunity to appeal to all businessmen to be patient, understand, and cooperate to ensure the economic activities in this difficult time, and added that the authorities will take legal action (continued to page 2)



World-Known International Hospital Worth US\$7 Million Opened in Phnom Penh



A new big international hospital worth about US\$7 million was officially opened in Phnom Penh, according to local media report.

The new hospital branded the Prestige Hospital is located in the central of Phnom Penh capital.

According to Dr. Christopher Tay, Executive Director of the Prestige Hospital, the hospital will provide a wide range of services of Singapore's healthcare standard.

The hospital is committed to provide services centring around effective and ethical treatment utilising the latest health technology, Dr. Christopher Tay continued.

He was positive that the Prestige Hospital will contribute significantly to the efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia in enhancing the quality of healthcare service in the country. (akp)

More Than 3,000 Rooms Reserved for COVID-19 Patients

Cambodia has reserved more than 3,000 rooms for COVID-19 patients, according to Samdech Techo Hun Sen.

Speaking at a get-together here at the Peace Palace this morning (25 MAR) with Cambodian health practitioners volunteer to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, Samdech Techo Hun Sen said more than 3,000 rooms of hotels, school buildings, dormitories and other public buildings across the country had been arranged to receive COVID-19 patients.

For Phnom Penh capital, there are four places ready for COVID-19 patients, including Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, Chak Angre Health Centre, Preah Ket Mealea military Hospital, and Great Duke Hotel (former five-star Intercontinental hotel).

The Premier underlined that all patients, regardless of their nationalities, tested positive for COVID-19 in Cambodia have free of charge access to treatment.

According to the Prime Minister, Cambodia has over 20,000 health practitioners, of them more than 2,000 have been ready to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. (akp)

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against anyone who sells illegal medical products, and disseminates fake news.

As of this morning(30 MAR), there are in total 107 COVID-19 patients in Cambodia, including 46 Cambodians, 37 French, 12 Malaysians, 5 British, 2 Americans, 2 Indonesians, one Canadian, one Belgian, and one Chinese. Of them, 23 have recovered.

Since the first case detected in Preah Sihanouk province in late January, the COVID-19 pandemic has now hit 13 provinces and capital of Cambodia.

According to World Health Organization, there are now in total 638,146 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 30,105 deaths in 202 countries, and territories. Most of the cases are in the U.S with 103,321 infection cases and 1,668 deaths, followed by Italy with 92,472 confirmed cases and 10,023 deaths, and China with 82,356 confirmed cases and 3,306 deaths. (akp)

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no need to pay for the National Social Security Fund (occupational risk and health care schemes) during this business suspension.

Besides, the Royal Government reiterated its commitment to work with all partners to further struggle against the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. (akp)

Cambodia's Fresh Mangoes Popular in South Korea

Cambodian fresh mangoes are getting popular in South Korea as consumers are enjoying the fruits since the commodity reached the South Korean market early this year.

The Kingdom exported 16,868 tons of fresh mangoes to Thailand, Vietnam, France, Russia, South Korea, and China's Hong Kong in the first two months of this year, according to the ministry of agriculture forestry and fisheries' report.

Currently, mangoes are grown on 100,000ha of land nationwide, particularly in Kampong Speu province. (akp)