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### Cambodia's Preah Sihanouk Province Starts Building US\$76-Million Ring Road



A ring road for transport linking Sihanoukville deep seaport to a road section of National Road 4 in Preah Sihanouk province's Prey Nup district through Stung Hav district has broken ground late last week.

The groundbreaking ceremony of the 43-kilometre-long road took place under the presidency of H.E. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport.

According to the ministry, built by China Road & Bridge Corporation Co., Ltd., the road construction would cost nearly US\$77 million using the government's budget, and take 28 months to complete.

After the construction finished, the ring road will be named Vithey Sovathapheap Samdech Preah Sangharaja Tep Vong.

Speaking on the occasion, H.E. Sun Chanthol laid stress on the significance of the ring road in easing traffic congestion of goods transport from and to the port.  
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### Samdech Techo Prime Minister Thanks His Compatriots for Following Government's Instructions



Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia has expressed thanks to his compatriots for following the advices of the Royal Government as well as the Ministry of Health in order to prevent the COVID-19 transmission.

"How are you, dear compatriots? Thanks for respecting the Royal Government's instructions as well as those of the Ministry of Health in contribution to prevent the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our country," wrote Samdech Techo Hun Sen in a Facebook post this afternoon on 15 April 2020. In the same message, the Premier also re-appealed to the Cambodian

migrant workers abroad to comply with the laws and regulations, including curfew, group gathering ban imposed by the host countries.

"Your safety and health are the main priority right now," underlined Samdech Techo Prime Minister.

As of this morning on 15 April 2020 Cambodia has recorded in total 122 COVID-19 confirmed cases, including 51 Cambodians, 40 French, 13 Malaysians, 5 British, 3 Chinese, 3 Vietnamese, 2 Americans, 2 Indonesians, 2 Canadians, and one Belgian. Of them, 96 have recovered or 78.69 percent of the total confirmed cases. (continued to page 2)



## Australia Vows to Support Agricultural Development in Cambodia



Australia has vowed to continue its supports to Cambodia on agricultural development so as to boost the production for food security and the export of agricultural products to foreign markets.

In a meeting on April 22 with H.E. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Ambassador Pablo Kang reaffirmed Australia's continued assistance to Cambodia's agricultural development, stressing that it is in line with the new strategic plan of the Australian government's aids focusing on agricultural diversification, agricultural commercialization, productivity augmentation, processing promotion, and quality enhancement in order to

increase production chain and value added.

The Australian Amassador said he will lead a technical team to seek understanding of agricultural sector in Cambodia after the fatal COVID-19 comes to an end.

In reply, H.E. Veng Sakhon profoundly thanked Australia for its support to the Cambodian agriculture sector so far, noting that the assistance has contributed to developing the sector, modernising agricultural practices of farmers, increasing production capacity along with value added.

The export of fragrant rice to Australia and human resource building on agriculture sector were also among the topics of discussion. (akp)

## Total Recovered Cases Increase to 119, Only 3 Active Cases Remain

There are only three remaining active cases of COVID-19 in Cambodia as the total number of cured patients rose to 119, H.E. Mam Bunheng, Minister of Health told a press conference this morning , on 27 APR 2020.

The recovered cases now stand at 97.54 percent of the total confirmed cases, he said, pointing out that the new recovered patients are a French couple in Phnom Penh who came from France via Singapore.

Meanwhile, no new infection case was detected for 15 days in a row, therefore the tally remain at 122, including 51 Cambodians, 40 French, 13 Malaysians, 5 British, 3 Chinese, 3 Vietnamese, 2 Americans, 2 Indonesians, 2 Canadians, and one Belgian. Most of the cases are imported ones.(akp)

## Samdech Techo .....

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 Organisation, globally, as of 2:00am CEST, April 15, 2020, there have been 1,878,489 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 119,044 deaths. Europe has recorded in total 943,272 positive cases, followed by the U.S. 673,361 cases, Western Pacific 124,204 cases, Eastern Mediterranean 106,419 cases, South -East Asia 19,154 cases, and Africa 11,367 cases.(akp)



## Cambodia's Preah .....

"This road section is a potential ring road to facilitate the transport of import-export goods, agricultural and fisheries products of people living in Stung Hav district to the markets and to contribute to reducing traffic congestion on National Road 4 for container trucks," he said.

Currently, to reach the port, heavy trucks and container trucks enter directly Sihanoukville by using National Road 4.(akp)

