

National Fish Day at Banteay Meanchey's Trapeang Thmor Village

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Come to Banteay Meanchey again after the Flood in 2000 and Putting into Operation the Sluice Gate and Cranes Conservation (in 2006)

Today I returned to Banteay Meanchey again after the 2000 floods. In particular, we came to Trapeang Thmor reservoir again after coming here almost 20 years ago to inaugurate the sluice gate and the crane conservation ceremony. My staff did not record what place [...] but I still remember when I came with the former US ambassador, Kenneth M. Quinn, to open a sluice gate, and took measures to protect the cranes.

Today, we are re-launching the national fish day on July 1, after a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19 in 2020 and 2021 [...] while planting saplings under the presidency of HM the King was also putting off. This year we are observing the two events – the first is today's event where we gather to release more than 1 million baby fish in the pond, and the second is on July 9th, when HM the King also presides over the planting of trees in Battambang province.

Normalization of Livelihood in a New Way, successfully Solving Chronic Land Problems in a Win-Win Way

As we resume the release of baby fish, we also have to be careful with Covid-19. This is what we called living in a new way, normalization of life in a new way. As we are sitting a little apart, we also wear more masks to prevent the disease that has not yet disappeared

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Meeting Cambodian ASEAN Para Games

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From Year to Year, Cambodian Sports Have Developed Positively

[...] We know that Vietnam and Philippines did not send their (players) because the countries are struggling with both disasters and Covid-19 pandemic. Vietnam organized the SEA Games, but do not go for the ASEAN Para Games for Covid-19. We should thank Indonesia for hosting this ASEAN Para Games for our disabled to avoid missing out. If you miss this year, you will miss two matches – one

Directions Setting for Phase II Tourism Rehabilitation Plan

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In addition to the prepared text, Samdech Techo Hun Sen made off-the-cuff speech that CNV unofficially transcribed and translated as followed:

Tourism Affected by Wars and Sanctions in the World

Allow me to make additional assessments and offer reminders on some points. We already know that Covid-19 has had the biggest impact on tourism. Some agricultural and service industries have recovered, but tourism is in a slow rise. Now, a new problem – war and sanctions – has arisen that could further destroy tourism while creating the precarious state of a divided and indiscipline world. The problem is not only the war in Ukraine. The sanctions (on one another) caused global market turmoil.

The continued warning from the IMF is not without reason. Global economic growth is likely to slow further. Inflation by countries is rising. This has to do with the livelihood of the people in the countries, especially the price of air tickets that cost double. That is the impact that can cause disruption to tourism. At this point, we can foresee what could have happened. If oil prices continue to rise, a global economic crisis could erupt, and at least tourism recovery could be difficult.

Zero Covid-19 Policy Affects Transport and Tourist Flows

In addition, in the report, HE Thong Khon mentioned recently regarding the self-protection of the People's Republic of China (in its practice of) zero Covid-19 policy. We know that many countries in the region, not only in Asia, but also in Europe, need Chinese tourists. China has the most number of tourists. China's implementation of the zero Covid-19 measure affects transportation and travels.

The biggest issue here is that the Chinese citizens would have traveled to other countries. (That they had to stay in the country) also for the China's "zero Covid-19" policy affect those countries and Cambodia as well.

However, we understand the need for China to protect its

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from our country [...] I would also like to thank the Banteay Meanchey provincial authorities for their efforts for development in the province. I learned that a few days ago, Banteay Meanchey province, with the help of one of my Cabinet Deputy Directors, also solved a series of land problems [...] which is a chronic disease [...] using win-win politics.

Baby Fish Release and Trees Planting on Any Day Not Just in July

Now we come to the part where we talk about the national fish day. Why do we have to release baby fish? When does this event start? This is an initiative that we need to take, and I would like to emphasize that the release of young fish is necessary to increase our fish resources to solve the demand for livelihood of our people. I should confirm in advance that the release of juvenile fishes can be done not only on one day – on July 1. We can release at any time, every day, as long as there are fish to release and there is water for fish to survive. What we do today is a symbolic campaign about releasing baby fish into lakes, into ponds, where they can survive, and expecting to get in return more fish for our people. The same is true that we can plant trees not just on July 9 but every day, as much as we can. After securing peace, our country has more ability to do that work.

Lakes, Canals, Rivers Are Shallow, Less Fish, More Population

We need to understand that the situation of our country is not the same as before. As real human being and not driven by jealousy, we must know that, in the old days when Cambodians said where there

was water, there were fish, (was because) there were less number of population, waterways and reservoirs were deeper, and therefore there were more fish. This is true in our country. At one time, the Cambodian population was just over one million, and then in the 1960s, before 1970, we marked that the population was anywhere between 6 to 7 million [...] and up to now, the water ways and reservoirs are getting shallower, there are less fish to feed the growing population. This is the difference. If some have human substance in them [...] and without any political exploitation, they must acknowledge the fact that this is how it happened [...]

We have to see that every year in this month the tide starts to rise and brings sediment to water ways and reservoirs everywhere supplemented by residues of abscission as we all know that in each lake, there are always trees, shrubs, [...] this have turned our lakes to get shallow, including the Tonle Sap. Hence, the fish population is getting smaller as the water is getting shallower, and our population is getting bigger reaching 17 million, or 12 million more in 43 years [...]

Land Required for Cultivation Leads to Deforestation

Some say it over and over lacking thoughts and asking this question where the forest has gone. If there were no population growth, the forest would not have disappeared. The forest has gone, but the ground is there. Why deforestation? It happened because of the people's need of land for cultivation, [...] people cut down trees and used the land for farming. Just every year, we removed so much from the forest cover in 2002 for people's requirement. As far as I can remember, in the beginning, our people planted

around 1.6 million to 1.8 million hectares only in 1979. Now, the cultivated area of both fields and plantations is already more than 4 million hectares. This point should be understood in relation to forestry issues. We lose forest, but in place of it, people grow other trees for crops [...]

Those extremists (keep talking about) where has the forest gone. Maybe those who criticize me return the land back. If you take the land holding after 1979, you must return the land to me so that I replant trees. Dare you give them back? We push them against the wall [...] if you continue to find false about where the forest has gone. Land that you occupied after 1979 is the land you got from deforestation [...] any move to exploit from this situation should be met with action. I do not do that, however. I just lay out a theory for you to see where the forest is gone? Where does the land go? The land that you are cultivating is the land that you say is missing [...]

That is the point that I should clearly discussed in my speech today about where the forest has gone [...] in 2003, it was annoying too. We had brothers and sisters returning from abroad in 1991, 1992 and 1993. I gave the house to them, both on KPNLF and FUNCINPEC. In the 2003 electoral campaign, they attacked me saying that we confiscated houses. I then said they should return those houses they received from the state. (With that suggestion,) they went quiet since 2003 [...]

Silted Waterways/Reservoirs Caused Loss of Fish and Waterway Traffic Blocking

Now back to the issue of natural resources related to fish. The shallow water of the rivers and lakes creates a situation of loss of interest [...] many lakes in my native vil-

lage are no more lakes but dry season rice fields. Where else could we have fish from. On top of that, our Tonle Sap Lake [...] though there is still pretty deep water left, in some places there is a lack of water causing fish to die. At the moment we do not have the resource to restore the depth of the whole Tonle Sap Lake yet [...]

In the book "10 Years of the Cambodian Journey," which I wrote before 1989, and published on January 7, 1989, in memory of the 10th anniversary of the Cambodian national journey after the liberation of 1979, I have discussed about the shallow waterways and reservoirs and the loss of fish species and population. We then put into practice the aquaculture policy since 1985, because we have seen an increase in population as well as a decline in our fish production due to the above facts.

Some called themselves scientists easily think that they can pump the Tonle Sap Lake and use the residues as fertilizer. The question is, as you pumped the lake, where did you get the money to do it, firstly and secondly, for the residues to become fertilizer, what need to be done? [...] as of now, we can only pump to restore the direct the flow of water and to deal with waterway traffic. This is our highest possibility. Talking about the Mekong River, the tributaries of the Tonle Sap (river), do not think of the inner Tonle Sap Lake, landslides occur every year [...] this (shallow water) situation caused the loss of fish species and population, firstly, and secondly, the difficult waterway traffic [...]

Cutting Land from Conserved Areas for People; No to Reestablishing of Fishing Lots; Fisheries Reform Started in 2000 and March 8, 2012 – Total Dissolution of

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Fishing Lots

I have confirmed and continue to confirm, as (I am in) Banteay Meanchey and (Governor) Sok Lu came from Battambang, *to clarify issues related to the Tonle Sap area where I allowed lifting ban of certain area in Zone III (and give them to people), cutting out certain area from Zone II to Zone I [...] for people to manage to avoid the hassle of solving problems. But I also beg our people not to continue clearing the flooded forest land (and) we have to replant the flooded forest.* From helicopter, we flew across the Tonle Sap, I also looked down at some places, there is no rice field, but the field from long time ago, but not the object for claiming. (I) ask the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to look carefully into where to dig deep in the lake for the sake of fish species conservation.

Some came in 2022 suggesting to me that we should rebuild fishing lots for the private sector to manage. *(It was because of this matter that) I have ordered replay of what my final decision was on March 8, 2012 [...] for more than 100 years, fishing lots had been established, and while farmers had reaped the benefits, there were also some negative happenings. Reforming fishing lots started since 2000 [...]*

(In) 2000, the year of the great flood, I went to distribute aid in Siem Reap. I sat with Samdech Pichey Sena Tea Banh, His Excellency Cham Prasidh and Sieng Nam, Member of Parliament. At that time, I learnt that people were not allowed and got arrested even to row boats across the fishing lot. I then cut out like 60% of the fishing lots for the people. But the story does not end there. It remains the same. Later I found that they kept the river Stung Sen in Kampong

Thom province [...] where people at the mouth of the river did not even have the right to fish. Should we keep it or not? [...]

If we look at that time, we got only US\$ 200,000 to US\$ 300,000 a year from fishing lots everywhere. It's very little. I decided to take it off and give it to people to take care of, to create a fishing lot community for them to benefit from natural resources. That is why I recommend that some of the places where they lived [...] have been there not for years (but) some 200 years ago, where we move them to [...] while keeping those land for them, we can leave some more as community forest for firewood and fishing in that area and they can take care of them [...]

From the Killing Area to Area for Fish, Water for Irrigation and Tourist Attraction; Ministry of Water Resources to Build Dam Road of Trapeang Thmor Reservoir;

The reservoir of Tropeang Thmor conserves abundance of water [...] we came with Kenneth M. Quinn [...] related to the conservation of cranes and the opening of sluice gate [...] in 2006 [...] (you may find archive) on national television [...] the footage must be kept because it is an archive witnessing to everyone how we transformed this place from the problem area to become an area (which) attracts tourists and agricultural production, in which there is the release of young fish that will become food, and people have water to help with irrigation.

Two issues that I need to address. First, the road on this dam is almost 10 kilometers long. When will (Water Resource Minister) HE Lim Kean Hor do it? [...] *There is no further delay, because I have been talking about it*

since 2013 [...] there was no agreement between the Ministry of Public Works and the Ministry of Water Resources. The Ministry of Water Resources says that this is a dam, the Ministry must be the one to do it. The Ministry of Public Works said, it is a road, the Ministry must do it [...] now, they will send in road building equipment in one week from now.

Let us now record what happened here Trapeang Thmor Reservoir. In 2004, the Royal Government restored and rehabilitated the two dams, the main canal system, the secondary canal system, paved the foundation and gravel, and repaired three bridges, sluice gates and sewers under the auspices of Japanese assistance, and inaugurated in 2006 under the presidency of Samdech Hun Sen [...] The sluice gate was put into operation officially in 2006. So now the problem of road construction on this dam is solved.

Demining to Declare Poi Char Commune and Trapeang Thmor Reservoir Mine-Free Area by the End of 2022

Another thing that I think needs to be addressed today [...] I received a report from Ly Thuch, First Deputy Chief of the Mines Authority, that Poi Char commune, Phnom Srok district, Trapeang Thmor Reservoir area [...] there remained 0.24 square kilometers, equivalent to 6 minefields, about 98% of the minefields in Phnom Srok district to demine [...]

I make a final proposal on the issue of demining on the remaining land. His Excellency Oum Reatrey must immediately work with the Mine Authority to send deminers to remove those mines to ensure safety and to declare Poi Char commune as well as Trapeang Thmor reservoir area mine-free area. At any cost, mines in

this area must be cleared, and by the end of this year at the latest, the area must be declared a mine-free zone to ensure the safety of our people.

I would instruct His Excellency Aun Porn Moniroth, Minister of Economy and Finance, to consider adding to the national budget for 2023-2024 in stages to complete demining and finally declare this target area mines free. In Kep province we already declared it mine-free. Some places need only US\$ 50,000. Going abroad to ask (for that much) is unworthy. Now put it in the national budget to end this activity as at some places demining is almost completed but lacking money. Demining forces include CMAC and other operators, such as the army engineering, forces under the army Commander-in-chief, peacekeeping troops operating abroad, can use that money to clear and make those areas demining-free [...]

I call on the private sector, if you wish, and I would like to thank you in advance for accepting their helps in clearing mines efforts in some places. Some places need only US\$ 100,000. In one village, India donates US\$ 50,000 to complete (demining).

Well, we can use two combinations. One is the national budget and the other is that philanthropists can participate so together we can make the country safe. I take this opportunity to call on the private sector to get involved and make our country a landmine-free country as we have proposed (*Samdech Techo went on to give account of the war among Cambodian factions before the Paris Peace Agreement in the area.*)

Thanks for Trusting the Cambodian People's Party, Nationally and Sub-nationally

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Now there is peace and we all choose to keep that peace. *I thank our people for voting for the Cambodian People's Party to maintain peace and development. The decisions of the people who voted in the past and voted for the CPP have a clear meaning messaging their supports for peace and development. This is a competition in the democratic process.*

Of course, I would like to thank all the people for their participation in the (communal) election, regardless of which party they voted for, which has created a favorable situation as more than 80% of the registered voters took part in general, and in particular more than 74% of them voted for the CPP – a large number – allowing the CPP to control 80% of the (communal councilors) seats and 99.73% of the commune chief seats, which is a huge number through this normal course of a multi-party liberal democracy [...]

I thank you for trusting the CPP to continue to lead at both the national and sub-national levels and hope that you will provide an opportunity for the CPP in the upcoming 2023 elections. Voting for the CPP is voting for oneself to maintain peace, and if there is peace, there will be development. Let us not wait until peace is gone to shout for it to return [...] Some think peace has existed since the UNTAC era. No. The former UNTAC military commander dined me the day before. I asked him to visit Pailin, an area he could not enter (while commanding UNTAC troops) [...] UNTAC President could not enter Pailin, UNTAC military commander could not enter Pailin, but Hun Sen could.

I have stated many times that my goal is to turn the former battlefield into a development zone, to turn all border areas into a border of peace, friend-

ship, cooperation and development. So now, *internally, we can consider that under 10% of our land are still not safe because of mines as I just mentioned. So today, I came to issue a demining order in the remaining thousands of hectares of land, as the Poi Char area has 98% more land area (to demine) compared to the whole district. Where is the other 2% to be demined? After that, the whole Phnom Srok district must be declared to be a mine-free district.*

River Bridge Placed in the Ministry of Rural Development's 2023 Budget, Revenue Increased to about USD 490 M/Month

In addition, during the 2000 floods, we had a wooden bridge collapse. The 2000 flood wooden bridge connects from village 3 to village 4, to Preah Ponlea village, in Prey Russey commune, Preah Ponlea commune and Koh Pong Sat commune.

I propose to study and include in the budget of the Ministry of Rural Development in 2023 to build this bridge. We spend money, we also have to be careful. Admittedly, revenue is now starting to pick up. Yesterday, in the six months that ended yesterday, our revenue increased by nearly 500 million (US dollars) per month, both customs revenue and tax revenue. But the revenue is still low compared to before the Covid-19, which ran between US\$ 500 million and US\$ 700 million a month.

Our revenue fell below US\$ 400 million in 2021. Now it jumps above US\$ 400 million. Yesterday it was about 490 (million US dollars), around that figure, thanks to growth for domestic demand and imports increased. This is the point I should make, as this is my first rural statement after the Covid-19 combat started.

Anti-Covid-19 Vaccination Needed and Are Free; Vaccines Available through to 2026; Public Intimidation Not Freedom of Expression;

Now I should talk about the Covid-19 issue. Covid-19 recurred. On the 29th of June, we had discovered 10 cases, and on the 30th, yesterday, 7 cases. Today there are 3 cases picked up by PCR [...] we need to continue to be vigilant to avoid infection. The Covid-19 is not over yet [...] we have just prevented us from falling into the abyss of death [...] to reduce on the one side contagious infections and the severity of sickness on the other, vaccinations are needed. *I would reconfirm that whether it is the third dose, the fourth dose, the fifth dose, or even the 20th dose, the Royal Government does not take money from you [...]*

We now have vaccines left in the warehouse. *I see in last night's data that there are 10.4 million doses left. The rest is divided into provinces and in Phnom Penh warehouses. We have more than 20 million doses yet to be shipped in and we have signed to buy more than 104 million dollars for 2024, 2025, 2026. This is the provision of the Royal Government to ensure that our brothers/sisters do not worry about the lack of vaccines. Some countries get vaccinated for money, but it is not the case in Cambodia.*

Of the 15 million people who received the vaccines, just over 9 million had received the third dose. The Ad-hoc Commission for National Immunization Commission estimates that the remaining number is less than 5 million [...]

That is why we are urging people to get vaccinated and not to panic, and *I beg some not to poison people's mind with false information. No one has died since April, and someone has posted on Tiktok of Covid-19 death (from a*

long time ago). I immediately ordered the National Police Commissioner to investigate and arrest. Anyone – human rights organizations or diplomats – who wants to come talk to me about this, please do. We cannot accept such intimidating information. The person resides in Tbong Khmum province and he posted about Covid-19 death in Koh Kong.

The Koh Kong authority denied the case already [...] causing fear among the public is not a matter of expression [...] the world is against false information, why can Cambodia not do the same. Hov Ou Khong (Tiktok account name) has been arrested [...] and it was not because he joined the Candlelight Party commune electoral campaign but because he posted story that caused public fear [...]

Vaccines in Cambodia are colorless because we provided it without thinking about what political party the person is affiliated to, what race the person is, what religion/belief s/he follows [...] we give vaccines to all for free, including foreigners, diplomats, NGOs, foreign students living on Cambodian soil [...] it remains to be seen whether VOD, Free Asia, VOA and other countries will bring up this issue about Hun Sen ordering arrest.

If I am not the Prime Minister, then I will not order the arrested [...] but as the Prime Minister, if I ignore such slandering for public intimidation, I should not be one. (For this matter,) even though I did not order, the police and the courts would also take actions [...]

Russia/Ukraine War Raises Oil Prices, Europe to Use Coal, Putting Climate Change Agenda in Jeopardy

Another issue that I should talk about is asking for understanding and tolerance from

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Please (1) Respect the Rules of the Game, (2) Avoid Using Banned Substances;

Special Flight for ASEAN Para Games Athletes

I have already advised that what is important for us is to *abide by the rules of the game. To avoid any violation of the rules of the game is the point 1. The second point is to absolutely avoid the use of substances that are banned in sports*, which makes it detrimental to the national reputation. It doesn't matter if you win a gold medal or a silver medal, or none, but the use of banned substances is a great disgrace to the nation. The medals that the whole team received were not enough to make up for the damage caused by the use of drugs or banned substances in sports. This is a recommendation for players who will be competing [...]

Regarding the request for transportation (players), I received from (His Excellency) Hun Maney yesterday, and I had a discussion with His Excellency Mao Havannal (of Cambodia's civil aviation). I agree to send a special plane to take our players to the competition. This makes it easier for our players to travel without getting too tired and without going through a lot of transits.

The money to buy the plane ticket must be diverted to pay for the plane that we have to rent or may have sponsorship. Previously, Cambodia Airways sponsored 8 flights of Phnom Penh-Hanoi for our players (to participate in the SEA Games in Vietnam) [...] (this time) all of you leave together on July 24 and come back on August 7 together [...]

Towards "Cambodia Zero Mines" in 2025 with the Participation of Both the

National Budget and the Private Sector

Speaking of disability, if we look at people with disabilities in the war so far, they are very old now. Let consider 1998 the year we ended the war, until now, it is 24 years ago. Disability still exists causing by (accidental) landmines/unexploded ordnance and other disability conditions [...] but (one major disability is the ones caused by landmines/unexploded ordnance. Let me ask how many of you are disabled by landmines/unexploded ordnance? [...] this is the problem.

A few days ago, I called for the participation of both the national budget and the private sector to participate in the final journey to Cambodia Zero Mine in 2025 [...] maimed by landmines/unexploded ordnance is the tragedy that has been happening in our land. We have cleared a lot of mines, but in some places (though the mined covered) land is very small, costing only US \$ 50,000, US \$ 100,000 (US \$) or US \$ 200,000 to do the job but we neglected it. We seem to be slow to act on that. Maybe because we have a lot of work to do. But this situation should be amended through the participation of forces from all relevant actors as possible [...]

... When we started the implementation of the win-win policy to end the war completely, I set two goals – first, to turn all former battlefields into development zones; second, turn the border line with neighboring countries into a border of peace, friendship, cooperation and development. Now both tasks are in progress, and the first task we can say that we have achieved more than 90% and the remaining 10% have not yet become development areas, because of the remaining landmines/unexploded ordnance [...]

Bank Account for Contributors to Remove Danger from Landmines

I admit that this is our negligence in directing mine action. We have released a small budget for the course. We rely too much on our development partners for funding, and our biggest donors are Japan, China, Korea, Australia, Britain, Europe, and the United States to help clear mines in our country. We have not addressed this matter very much with our own budget. That is why I took the initiative to plan and push this situation forward. So far, we have received almost 15 million US dollars [...]

The Mines Authority is now leading a meeting of operators, including CMAC, the army and the peacekeeping forces, to set targets for demining activities in order to declare each area mine-free zone. For example, in Phnom Srok district, it is said that the area becomes a mine-free area. Areas near Phnom Srok, we have cleared Thmor Puok of mines and declared it mine-free.

The (district) of Preah Net Preah is on that side, and we declared it a mine-free zone. It is safe. What is worrying is that the people living on the other side where they traveled to get to that place, sometimes to follow their cows, may encounter danger from mine. Not only for those in the countryside, people in the city who drive to there for a visit do not know of mines may wander into the minefields [...]

Let us create an account and notify people of this effort that is becoming a national movement final on mines. From now until 2025, we have only three years left. Time is not far off. Our foreign development partners who provide assistance have their goals. Foreign partners provide assistance for somewhere as their target areas. We cannot use

their budget as we wish. We need to (study and determine) where (demining activities would need to use) which country's budget, and where we do it with our own budget. The Mine Authority must prepare those points for the demining process and the destruction of unexploded ordnance for the safety of our country to make the country safe and attractive for tourism, especially eco-tourism [...]

Right-Hand Drive Vehicles by July 6, 2022 Can Pay Tax without Changing Steering Wheel

Before I made this decision, I have been following the work since yesterday. Right-hand drive cars owners, yesterday asked to pay taxes, but not to change the steering wheel. Now I agree with your request. You have to come in to pay taxes, you do not have to change the steering wheel for those who have not changed it yet. (As for) those who have changed already, it is good that we have a left-hand drive car to use. But those who have not changed must come to pay taxes and the Ministry of Public Works who then issues (number) plates for them. In the past, some right-hand drive cars have come to make deposits (for a plate number) and go to change their steering wheels.

Now, those who have already deposited money to change the steering wheel and has not changed yet do not need to change. They have to pay the remaining tax and receive a letter from the customs to show to Public Works to get the license plate. This point is in line with your demands. I would like to confirm its validity as of July 6, 2022.

From tomorrow, the newly imported right-hand drive cars will not be allowed to pay taxes and/or to change the steering wheel. They will be seized
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immediately [...]

Covid-19 Seems to Be Surging, Putting the World in an Unusual Position;

Thank You Sky Angkor for Transporting Athletes To/ From;

It Is Not Necessary to Lock Down the Country, but Please Get the Vaccine as Prescribed by the Ministry of Health

Another issue I should also address for all citizens as well as our athletes. *The Covid-19 seems to be surging and putting the world in a precarious position*, France and Italy are to declare the seventh wave of (many infection) cases. This issue requires our people to be vigilant again on the possible spread of Covid-19 infection. For our sportspersons and athletes, when going to the competition, we must take extra protection of their health, especially to have enough masks to ensure that our sportspersons/athletes are not infected and can participate in the competition [...]

We have now received the information that Sky Angkor has accepted to request to transport sportspersons/athletes on July 26 to and on August 7, 2022 from. I thank the Sky Angkor company for their offer, [...] that is the Cambodian people's way. They know how to help (each other) [...] The Cambodia Airways did eight charter flights to (transporting sportspersons) and did not take a penny from the state. Now Sky Angkor is willing to do the same [...]

I would like to confirm to those who are concerned about their jobs and asked not to close the factory (because of the Covid-19 surge). *No, we will not close down the factory. May our nieces and nephews continue to work in peace.*

All I need is for you to come and get the vaccine as prescribed by the Ministry of Health. The more vaccines, the better the defense. That is good for us. Therefore, each factory must consider the safety of its workers (as well as) people in the communes.

Each ministry needs to think about its staff. Companies think about how many workers in their company (needed) injection and how many doses do they reach now. Encourage them to get an injection or ask a doctor to give injections in the ministry [...]

Cambodia contributes to ASEAN Reserve Medical Stock for Public Health Emergencies

This morning, relating to the Covid-19, I just made a decision. Now we need to make contribution to ASEAN as a whole. As the first step, three countries make contribution, and I got confirmation this morning [...] there are three countries that have already joined (in this effort).

We are the fourth country to contribute to the ASEAN Regional Reserve of Medical Supplies for Public Health Emergencies (RRMS). So this morning I decided to offer some medical tools and equipment in contribution to those donated by the previous three countries [...] in the time to come, we may be able to participate more like providing Rapid Test Kits [...] we cannot afford to provide vaccines because they are not for stock. It has expiration date [...]

Citizens/Government Institutions Strive to Save Electricity as Energy Crisis Occurs Throughout the World

Another point I should make today. *I would like to call on our people to try to save on electricity consumption, both*

the people themselves and all national institutions try to save electricity. For the first time in the history of electricity in Cambodia, it has reached the stage of loss. If the state does not pay attention to the people, the time / time of electricity will have doubled. Some countries have already raised electricity prices twice, but for Cambodia we have not yet raised electricity prices.

Some factories are facing losses due to rising electricity prices. However, the Royal Government has to make up for the loss. Today is a loss. When Covid-19 exploded, oil prices fell.

By the time Covid-19 began to slow down, the economy recovered, oil prices also rose, but the Russian-Ukrainian war and reciprocal sanctions, known as the energy crisis, took over the world. Already. That is why do not play the game of punishment, the game of war must also be avoided and the game of punishment must also be avoided [...]

Citizens/Government Institutions Strive to Save Electricity as Energy Crisis Is Rampant in the World;

US\$ 100 M Loss Due to the Russian-Ukrainian War, Mutual Sanctions;

Energy Crisis Makes It Impossible to Deduct Further Electricity Price by End of 2022;

UN Climate Change Conference 2022 COP27 No Longer Meaningful(?)

Another point I should make today is to call on us to try to save on electricity consumption, both the people themselves and all national institutions. *For the first time in the history of electricity in Cambodia, it has reached the stage*

of operational loss.

If the state does not pay attention to the people, the electricity price would have doubled already. Some countries have already raised electricity prices twice. Cambodia has not yet raised electricity prices. Some factories are facing losses due to rising electricity prices. However, the Royal Government has been making up for the loss.

When Covid-19 broke out, oil prices fell. By the time Covid-19 began to slow down, the economy recovered, oil prices also rose. However, the Russian-Ukrainian war and reciprocal sanctions caused energy crisis all over the world. That is why (we urge countries in the world) to play no game of sanction or punishment. The world must avoid the game of war and the game of punishment/sanction [...]

Now about climate change. No more meaning about it. Why? After the meeting in 2021 in the United Kingdom many announced that they will stop producing coal. Now European countries use coal [...] the day the German ambassador came to say goodbye, I asked him honestly, did Germany use coal? "We did," he said.

Russia cuts off gas supply [...] they had to go back to coal to generate electricity. If they go back to coal, what will happen? (It) undermines global programs in climate change. Now the price of oil is going up, and the price of coal is going up. I call on us everywhere to pay attention to energy savings, and start with state institutions who pay electricity bill with national budget, because otherwise we will incur greater losses.

This year, we are estimated to have lost more than US\$ 100 million, starting with the Russia-Ukraine war on one side and with sanctions on another.

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people and to prevent deaths in China. As HE Thong Khon predicted, "If China (excludes) the Covid-19 policy, tourism will increase to so and so number." Well (we) use the word "if." That is a matter for us to think about [...] when that (if) does not happen to be true, the situation will still be the same.

Rising Fuel Prices Makes It Difficult for Tourists to Travel

In addition, the high cost of air tickets makes it more difficult for tourists to travel from the United States, Europe or from other regions to Cambodia. In addition, I would like to emphasize that the current price of oil and coal is causing a loss to the Electricity du Cambodge (EDC). If EDC did not get the support from the Royal Government and opted to raise the price of electricity, hotels would be unable to do business.

We needed to see the problems that are happening and facing in the future. We must continue to endure such hardships. We need to monitor and evaluate this situation on a regular basis.

Build Infrastructure to Support Growth of Internal Tourism

We need to turn to domestic tourism as I recommended in the fifth point above. Internal tourism has made a significant contribution to the recovery phase as we implement new normal way of life measures to learn to live with Covid-19. We have about 300,000 local tourists a week, by which Cambodians have the opportunity to get to know their territory rather than go abroad.

We should continue encourage it as it would give a major contribution to the conservation of our forest and animal

resources.

Local community-based tourism is providing huge benefits for our people to visit and get our people involved in conserving the forest, conserving wildlife where they no longer hunt or do the logging. That (the community people) continue to benefit from tourism is better.

However, we need to have the infrastructure to support the growth of our domestic tourism sector. These areas of support include road connectivity, access to new tourist destinations that need access to access to clean water, electricity and telephone services.

In Covid-19 Era, Digital Access Helps the World to Communicate

Everyone sees that digital access has played an important role in the Covid-19 era. It is one of the fortunes of Cambodia (and) the world that digital is one-step ahead of the Covid-19. If (the online) communication had not taken place before Covid-19, the world would have been torn apart and could not have been assembled.

With the advent of Covid-19, Cambodia's information technology has taken a step forward. I can proudly say that at this Covid-19 stage, Cambodia is a country that has advanced through the promotion of use of technology [...]

Increase the Supply of Telephone and Internet Services to Tourist Destinations

At the same time, we are promoting digital access to the most part. Now our people use mobile phones to transfer money. In this case, do not forget to support this section.

Not only to the countryside, but also strong services needed in cities [...] all telephone

and Internet companies need to strengthen in the city, and expand it to tourist destinations.

In order to attract tourists to visit remote areas, it is necessary to have an internet support system, because they need to communicate. Sometimes they stay and sleep there, but they actually continue to work. Nowadays, they do not have meet in person.

They meet by video call and talk to each other. They can even give signature (electronically) too.

"3 Dos, 3 Don'ts" Measures and Vaccines to Ensure Safety

At this point, I would recommend that you consider further strengthening the promotion of domestic tourism, and that Cambodians do not lack money for hotel accommodation. Please do not confuse.

Cambodians can now sleep in five-star, four-star, three-star hotels, not just foreigners [...] on the other hand, we must continue to pay attention to Covid-19 [...] we will not backtrack and resorting to locking down activities again.

We have vaccinated the majority of the population. The resilience of our community is good, but we must not underestimate the infection possibility [...]. The new omega variants are beginning to spread not only in Phnom Penh but also in the provinces, where we must be more vigilant, and continue to take precautionary measures – "3 Dos and 4 Don'ts" to protect ourselves by wearing masks, washing our hands, and keeping safe distance. Of course, infections are not serious compared to the ones before [...] we have not noticed any serious cases because we have already immunized our people with vaccines.

The concern here is those who

have not received the booster dose when their antibodies are no longer strong enough to protect them.

The World Health Organization could not at this point accurately predict the development of this type of disease. Prevention is better than cure.

We need to continue to pay attention to ensure the safety of our people, including the safety of tourism, both foreign and domestic tourists. This is a big problem and our tourism sector may or may not rise depend on many factors [...]

Find Ways to Communicate and Open for Tourism by Land, Sea and Air

There has many factors involved to redevelop international tourism. For domestic tourism, our main factor relates to COVID-19. If COVID-19 continues to spread, we will definitely reduce (the number of participants) as in that place, to implement keeping distance.

In my opinion, my guess is that we are not going backwards. We move on. It is good for our people that even after we declared wearing a mask was no longer an obligation, they continue to wear it. It is a good thing to protect themselves. The concern is more people needed to get the booster jabs. We now lack more than 4 million people, almost 5 million of whom have not yet received the third dose, while some are already receiving the fourth and fifth doses [...]

For international tourists, it depends on many external factors, the global economic crisis or at least the inflation caused by economic crisis. This issue started from war to punishment/sanction.

War and sanctions combined pose a risk to global economic problems that plague us. The

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What does one receive from the punishment or sanction? It brought pain for all. The war was a pain between Russia and Ukraine, especially the people of Ukraine, but this punishment/sanction was meted out to those punishers too. We, who do not know anything about this war, are also punished. That, which is a global issue, should be considered. While I was attending the World Economic Forum, the WTO Director-General called for the non-use of sanctions. Now the consequences have come [...]

In our country, a report by the Ministry of Commerce last week got me that *gas prices have risen by 35%, fuel prices have risen, coal prices have risen, and gas prices have risen, leading to a full-blown energy crisis. I know about a meeting of an NGO to prepare a petition or to file a petition here/there about rising oil prices, even though they know that it is a global issue [...] it is your right, but I wanted to assure the people of Cambodia that if the Royal Government only thinks about the profit of electricity so far, people would have already paid for electricity twice the price as much.*

Yesterday, I called the Director General of Electricity to report on any measures related to this electricity issue. In fact, *my goal had been that by the end of 2022 I am going to announce a slight reduction in electricity prices if there is no crisis. Now, not only that we cannot reduce the price, but we are having a loss of electricity operation also [...] at this point, the results are already visible. How long will the Russia-Ukraine war end? And when will using punishment/sanction get its end? [...]*

The big concern is the oil issue. If we increase the price of electricity in the past, it would have been a terrible move. This year we can estimate a

loss of more than \$ 100 million. This is the case where the angels help every day with rainwater into the basin to release hydropower for us to have electricity, but in case of drought next year, this will be the problem.

Our voice is too small to call on big countries to reconsider the implementation of sanctions [...] punishers like Germany are starting to switch from gas to coal. *If coal is used (the UN Climate Change Conference 2022 or UN Climate Change Conference 2022) COP27 does not mean anything because COP27 has announced that it will stop using coal. And now Europe itself is using coal.* Because if you do not use coal, where do people have electricity from? [...]

TikTokers to Maintain/ Respect Traditions; (2) to Attack the Wrong Situation

These days, I see two kinds of TikTokers. I would like to send a message to TikTok players a bit. First, I would like to send a message to you girls who play TikTok. Some of them are giving good examples, but some of them others are using indecent words [...] I am begging you to keep our tradition [...] *We do not plan to shut down TikTok, but it is not a way to make fun with such indecent words. Second, I am sending this message to those who want to attack me, but hitting in the wrong direction and it is not profitable for them [...] they take pictures and play in TikTok.*

The first picture shows a clean and modern motorcycle stuck in street mud, form which they dubbed the sound “Samdech Techo is Peace and Development.” They should do not put motorcycles in the picture, but bicycles [...] how many bicycles are left today?

And how many cart paths are left? [...] you think you hit

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our people regarding the rising oil prices as it is a consequence for the whole world dues to the Russian and Ukrainian wars, [...] yesterday, the Ministry of Commerce reported that the price of gas increased by 35.8% as many people cook food using gas. Europe would soon cut firewood to replace gas. *Europe is starting to use coal again. On the one hand, the conference on climate change bans coal-fired power generation, but so far Russia has cut off gas, prompting Europe to resume coal use. What is the 2030 or 2050 agenda on climate change going to be? It would mean nothing.*

For us, I beg for your understanding, and if you feel the need, those who have enough money should start to change from now on for a battery car or a Prius model that uses both batteries and gas. We can con-

Hun Sen, but you did not hit correctly. Hun Sen had cars/motorbikes stuck on the road [...] which means you have motorcycles. The generation (of year) 1979 could not find even shoes to wear. To have a bicycle is almost equal to a motorcycle [...]

Now they are looking for ways to reduce fuel consumption. The day before, with TikTok dubbing my voice, I saw people sell well hybrid cars. *I guess the hybrid car is good for the future as it is both environmentally friendly and fuel efficient. The car uses batteries/ gasoline, good for environmental protection. Soon, they will reach a ban on the use of fuel trucks to adapt to measures in climate change.* It is said that they only make Hybrid small car. In fact, they also make large one such as Landcruiser. The more we use it, the less the toxic problem, and it is beneficial for family than using gasoline [...]

tinue to travel, just a little slower with it.

I see that there are two benefits – first, reduce the cost of gasoline and second, reduce traffic accidents because it does not drive fast [...] Laos is in shortage of oil. Sri Lanka is in shortage of oil. We have not reached the level of lacking oil yet, but at some points it may be difficult that even with money we cannot find oil to purchase. Please be patient [...]

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situation is very difficult to predict now.

The world is in disarray, the world is falling apart. We have no way of knowing to where it would lead us. Nuclear war is possible or World War III is possible.

This stage is not over yet. They are still threatening each other. We needed to see and be prepared for in order to gain autonomy in our country.

In the event that China promotes the recovery and withdrawal of the Zero COVID-19 policy, we believe that a large number of (Chinese) tourists will come to Cambodia [...]

Now China has also increased the number of flights with Cambodia considerably compared to the previous period. We have flight connections with Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and countries in the region, and Vietnam.

Tourism is dependent on land tourism with Vietnam, with Thailand [...] where our Cambodian people go to Vietnam, to Thailand, from Vietnam, to Cambodia from Thailand also came to Cambodia in some way, from Laos to Cambodia, from Cambodia to Laos.

We need to push for all possible ways of connecting flights as well as opening up tourism by land, sea and air