

Cambodia National Day

Friendly bilateral relations develop for mutual benefit

CHEA KIMTHA
AMBASSADOR OF CAMBODIA

On the auspicious occasion of the celebration marking the 64th Anniversary of Cambodia's Independence Day on Nov. 9, as a day of remembrance, pride, joy and strength, I would like to convey the warmest greetings and sincerest best wishes of His Majesty the King of Cambodia Norodom Sihanouk, Prime Minister Hun Sen and the people of Cambodia to Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the Imperial family, His Excellency Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the great people of Japan.



Cambodian people always remember the great crusade for independence of Cambodia by His Majesty the Late King Father Norodom Sihanouk, who is the father of independence, territorial integrity and national unity. The country owed the Late King Father a debt of gratitude for what he achieved. Without his eminent efforts, Cambodia would not have obtained independence from France.

Cambodia and Japan share a long history of diplomatic ties profoundly rooted since the Angkor era. The friendly relations between Cambodia and Japan were more strengthened in the Sangkum Reastra Niyum era under the leadership of the Late King Father "Preah Barom Ratanakadth." Close dialogue and cooperation at various levels have been maintained until today under the effective leadership of King Norodom Sihanouk and the government of Cambodia headed by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of Cambodia.

During more than two decades in which Cambodia was engulfed in political turbulence and then civil war, the bilateral ties of Cambodia and Japan were suspended. Then, in the lead-up to the signing of the Paris Peace Accord on Oct. 23, 1991, Japan exercised a prominent role in the preliminary negotiations in bringing all the warring factions together and helping them reconcile. During the implementation of the 1991 Paris Peace Accord, Japan played an active role in support for the restoration of peace in Cambodia by dispatching personnel to U.N. peacekeeping operations (PKO) to support the peacekeeping activities of the U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia in establishing a new Cambodian government and by positively contributing to the consultative group meetings for Cambodia. These activities are excellent examples of Japan's efforts in this regard.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Japan's first dispatch of peacekeeping personnel in September 1992 to Cambodia after the enactment of Japan's International Peace Cooperation Law that was aimed at contributing to U.N. peacekeeping operations to foster global peace.

I am very proud that Cambodia, the country where Japan engaged in a full-fledged PKO for the first time, is now actively contributing to the international community by dispatching personnel for U.N. PKO. Since 2006, Cambodia has sent more than 4,700 personnel with great success and praise on U.N. peacekeeping missions to a number of countries that are hot spots in the world, including Sudan, South Sudan, the Central



His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk

African Republic, Chad, Syria, Lebanon and Mali. Cambodia is proud of its unwavering commitment to U.N. peacekeeping efforts. After the establishment of the Royal Government of Cambodia as a result of the 1993 general election, Japan has continued to contribute to the reconstruction and development of Cambodia.

Since 1992, Japan has been Cambodia's biggest donor, giving more than \$2 billion in official development assistance (ODA), focusing on a broad range of areas, including rehabilitation and reconstruction of infrastructure, poverty alleviation, good governance and rule of law, human resource development, human security and the integration of Cambodia into the region and the world. Japan is also one of the biggest financial contributors to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), also known as the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. The government of Japan has been assisting the ECCC since its inception and, as of today, the financial assistance from Japan amounts to \$86.34 million, approximately 31 percent of the total funds contributed by donors to the national and U.N. components of the ECCC.

On behalf of the government of Cambodia and Cambodian people, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the government and people of Japan for their contribution to the Cambodian peace process, the continuous support for the reconstruction and development of Cambodia and democracy-building in Cambodia.

For Japan, Cambodia is becoming an important partner in the region. Cambodia is a new destination for Japanese investors. In 2016, Japan was the third-biggest foreign investor in Cambodia, with \$822 million in investment capital, accounting for about 22.78 percent of the total foreign investment in the country. As of 2017, Cambodia saw 125 Japanese investment projects, equivalent to more than \$1.5 billion.

Cambodia's market also has potential for Japanese investment in the service sector as seen by the investment in the Aeon Mall I and

II, direct flights from Tokyo to Phnom Penh and many Japanese restaurants in special economic zones.

In another development, Japan will open a consular office in Siem Reap province in January in response to the increasing number of Japanese tourists visiting Cambodia and trade between the two countries. Japan ranked seventh in terms of total tourist arrivals to Cambodia last year.

Diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Japan were established in 1953 and 60 years later, the bilateral relations of both countries were upgraded to a strategic partnership in December 2013, laying out a new page of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. Ties between the two nations have strengthened since 2013. The visit of Prime Minister Hun Sen to Japan from Aug. 6 to 9 was a significant showcase for the implementation and consolidation of our strategic partnership and commitment to expand ties between Cambodia and Japan.

In the Cambodia-Japan summit meeting in Tokyo on Aug. 7, Prime Minister Abe highly appreciated Cambodia's participation in PKO missions in recent years and stated that Japan will continue to implement defense capacity building assistance to Cambodian personnel. He also praised the smooth implementation of the results of recent local elections and expressed the expectation that Cambodia's next national election will be conducted in a free and fair manner, noting that Japan will continue to provide electoral reform assistance. He also noted that Japan will continue to cooperate in the Khmer Rouge trials.

In response, Prime Minister Hun Sen expressed appreciation to Japan's prime minister for implementing the electoral reform assistance he had requested on the occasion of the Japanese prime minister's visit to Cambodia in 2013. He also expressed gratitude for Japan's assistance for demining, for the implementation of defense capacity building assistance and for Japan's contribution to Khmer Rouge trials, noting that Cambodia

has consistently supported Japan's efforts to play a major role in security-related fields, and reiterating support for Japan's proactive contribution to peace.

Moreover, Prime Minister Hun Sen expressed his appreciation for the assistance provided by Japan to date, including in human resources development, noting that he is extremely satisfied that bilateral cooperation has been realized in a variety of fields and that the Kizuna and Tsubasa bridges have improved connectivity with Cambodia's neighboring countries. He also noted that investment by Japanese companies in Cambodia has been increasing in recent years and that he is also seeking to further develop the investment environment. He also expressed appreciation for the continued high level of people-to-people exchanges and for the establishment of the Consular Office of Japan in Siem Reap.

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Prince Norodom Sihanouk (second from right) meets Emperor Hirohito (right), Empress Nagako (third from right) and then-Crown Prince Akihito (standing) during his visit to Japan in December 1955.

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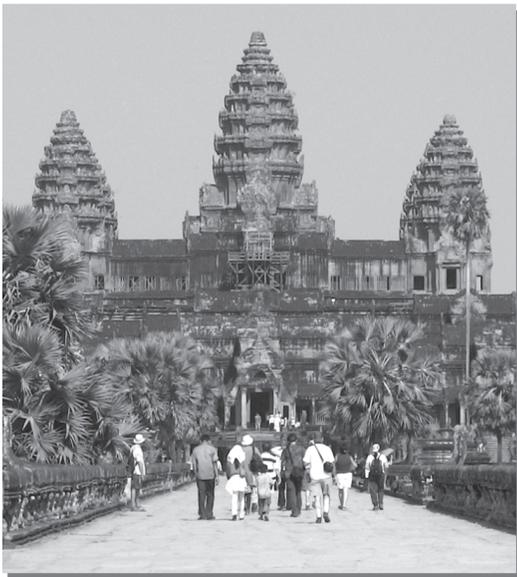
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The Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Fukuoka is honored to have developed the following activities:

- ❖ Visa issuance
- ❖ Promotion of Japanese tourism according to the agreement between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Honorary Consulate of Cambodia in Fukuoka
- ❖ Organizing cultural events in Fukuoka to showcase Cambodian arts and culture
- ❖ Introduction of Cambodia to the young people in the Kyushu and Okinawa regions to promote their interest in building bridges between Japan and Cambodia



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Playing active role in the world

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called Cambodia one of the eight "Olympian Growth" economies and ranked Cambodia as the sixth-fastest growing economy in the world with robust economic growth at an average of around 7.7 percent over the last several decades. This strong growth resulted in the poverty rate declining significantly from 47.8 percent in 2007 to 15.5 percent in 2014. Recently, the Asian Development Bank has been impressed with the economic growth of Cambodia and the rapid expansion of the industry sector, naming Cambodia a new tiger cub in Asia. Cambodia is committed to maintain macroeconomic stability, with annual growth around 7 percent in the medium and long-term to realize her goal to become a middle-to-high-income country by 2050 and a high-income country by 2050.

To support this vision, the government of Cambodia has adopted and is actively implementing the Industrial Development Policy (IDP) 2015-2025, which is a new growth strategy, or road map, for building a production base with higher added value to ensure the continuing transformation of the Cambodian economy, to increase the competitiveness and transparency of doing business in Cambodia and to maintain healthy economic growth with a clear structure.

The adoption of the IDP was also in parallel with the establishment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Community (AEC), in which Cambodia is forging its linkage to the regional market, or "Asian factory," that is dynamic and full of potential through the investment to expand the production base, building and improving transport networks and logistic systems, developing physical tourism infrastructure, promoting trade facilitation, developing financial systems and reforming legal systems and institutions.

For the last few decades, Cambodia's tourism sector has seen a remarkable boom. While successfully securing peace, political stability, security and social order, Cambodia has paid great attention to the tourism sector, which has been deemed to be "green gold." Thanks to this effort, Cambodia received around 5 million international tourists in 2016, an increase of 5 percent compared to 2015, with Japanese tourists totaling 191,577, which helped inject \$3.2 billion into the national economy, equal to 13 percent of gross domestic product in 2016.

The number of international tourists visiting Cambodia is predicted to reach 5.5 million in 2017, and by 2020 the figure will reach 7 million, generating \$5 billion in revenue and nearly 1 million jobs nationwide. In the period of just two months in 2017, Cambodia received 1.5 million international tourists, with Japanese tourists totaling 40,000, an increase of 11 percent. In 2020, we hope that Cambodia will see 300,000 Japanese tourists.

To achieve the government's vision for receiving international tourists, the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Japan often organizes both big and small events inside and outside the embassy to increase further awareness among Japanese people of Cambodian culture, thereby encouraging them to visit Cambodia. In May, the embassy, the non-profit Cambodian Community and Cambodian Students Association in Japan, as well as Khmer-loving Japanese people, in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia, organized Cambodia Festival 2017, a large event at Yoyogi Park in Tokyo. Over the two-day festival, we organized various cultural events that attracted nearly 100,000 Japanese people to this successful event.

In addition, Cambodia is determined to develop itself into an attractive, clean and green tourist destination in the region, based on the features of Angkor Temple as a world wonder, the sacred site of Preah Vihear Temple, tangible and intangible cultural heritage, natural heritage, beautiful bays and pristine beaches, Khmer cuisine, the friendliness of Cambodian people, long-standing tradition and warm hospitality toward tourists, deserving the motto of "Cambodia — Kingdom of Wonder — Feel the Warmth." On July 8 UNESCO added Sambor Prei Kuk in the Khmer language, or "temple in the richness of the forest" to its World Heritage list. We hope that with Cambodia's inspiring and tumultuous history, even more tourists from around the world, especially Japanese people, will be visiting Cambodia, home to Angkor Wat and Sambor Prei Kuk, Cambodia's newest world heritage site, and numerous other attractive cultural heritages.

In this connection, I wish to sincerely invite Japanese tourists and investors to visit and explore, and evaluate the vast business and investment opportunities in our country.

The year 2017 is a landmark year for ASEAN as the organization commemorates the 50th anniversary of its founding. Over

the last 50 years, ASEAN has been resolute in pursuing integration in the areas of politics, security, the economy, society and culture. Thus, the ASEAN community was founded at the end of 1967. During these five decades, ASEAN has played a major role in ensuring the stability and prosperity not only in its own region, but also in the whole of Asia.

After the civil wars and internal strife, Cambodia has been steadily transforming its image and is actively participating in regional and global affairs on equal footing with other countries. It is worthwhile to recall that Cambodia's latest admission to ASEAN in April 1999 united all nations in Southeast Asia under the ASEAN roof. The realization of ASEAN-10 has not only a symbolic significance, but also immense implications for the cause of the regional unity and solidarity.

Now, Cambodia has become a young and dynamic player in the region, having chaired ASEAN in 2002 and 2012, despite being the newest member. A historic document — the declaration of conduct in the South China Sea — was adopted in Phnom Penh in 2002 with much fanfare.

Cambodia has raised ASEAN's profile and led the region's endeavors in terms of mine action. The ASEAN leaders' statement on the establishment of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC) was adopted at the 21st ASEAN Summit in 2012 in Phnom Penh. The ARMAC has now been launched following the inauguration of the center in May last year.

We are justifiably proud of what Cambodia has accomplished in the past few years in preparation for the AEC, and we believe that our small nation with youthful energy, the potential for development and central geographic location is set to play a major role in the AEC.

As the newest member of ASEAN, we have contributed to the success of, and benefited from, the AEC. With our success story to share with the world, the World Economic Forum (WEF) organized a WEF summit on ASEAN in Cambodia this year. This was a great honor for Cambodia to host this prestigious summit successfully in May in Phnom Penh, as it brought approximately 700 business and political leaders, members of society and academia to Cambodia.

Over the past 50 years, the relationship between ASEAN and Japan has seen much progress. Japan has contributed greatly to the nation-building of many ASEAN member states through its ODA and other financial

Strategic importance for regional development

RYU SHIONOYA
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-MEKONG PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION



I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations on the 64th Anniversary of the Kingdom of Cambodia's Independence Day.

We at the Japan-Mekong Parliamentary Friendship Association conduct activities to contribute to the development of the entire region and boost friendly ties, seeing the fast-developing Mekong region as a broader area. Cambodia is the country where we have a track record of the largest amount of activities in this region. Five mem-

bers of our association, including myself, visited Phnom Penh this year and had meetings with dignitaries of the parliament and government. We also had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister Hun Sen and other officials when they visited Japan.

During our visit to the country in January, we reaffirmed the strategic importance of Cambodia, which is located in the center of the Southern Economic Corridor linking Thailand and Vietnam. If Cambodia's connectivity to the region were beefed up, it would further accelerate regional economic development, which could be utilized for our country's growth. To that end, we agreed with the Cambodian side on the significance of facilitating high-quality infrastructure and the promotion of nurturing industrial human resources.

Cambodia has held a national election every five years since the country conducted a general election in 1993 under the authority of a U.N. peacekeeping operation that marked Japan's first full-fledged peacekeeper dispatch. Japan has supported strengthening governance in Cambodia through assistance in elections and in consolidating the legal system. In this regard, we hope the next year's national election will be conducted in a free and fair manner and thus enhance further momentum for closer bilateral relations. The Japan-Mekong Parliamentary Friendship Association is determined to strongly back interactions with Cambodia from the position of the parliament.

In conclusion, I wish for the further prosperity of the Kingdom of Cambodia and development of the bilateral bonds.

Reshaping the labor force

YOSHIOHISA KAINUMA
REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTOR, CEO & COO, MINEBEAMITSUMI INC.



On behalf of MinebeaMitsumi Inc., I would like to express my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the people of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the auspicious occasion of the 64th Anniversary of their Independence Day.

MinebeaMitsumi Inc. has been operating in Cambodia under the name of Minebea (Cambodia) Co. since December 2010 as a pioneer electronic components manufacturer. With strong support from the Royal Government of Cambodia and hard work by our dedicated Cambodian employees, we have expanded our plants

to a total floor space of 100,000 sq. meters by investing more than \$100 million over these past six years in Cambodia.

Recently, we have just finished the construction of our third plant, starting in-house parts production, and will fill the space with production lines for value-added products. This will help transform Cambodia from a country of labor-intensive industries to a country manufacturing high-value-added products domestically.

We believe that working passionately with our young Cambodian employees builds a win-win relationship that will continue to make Minebea (Cambodia) grow, while these employees could gain much better knowledge and skills, as well as enjoy better living standards and contribute to the development of Cambodia.

Lastly, I sincerely wish for a deeper partnership between Japan and Cambodia, as well as the happiness and prosperity of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

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Respectful greetings from:

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Fostering cultural rehabilitation

YOSHIKI ISHIZAWA

DIRECTOR, SOPHIA ASIA CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



I hereby wish to convey my warmest and most sincere congratulations to the people of Cambodia, on the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of Independence. In the 1970s and 1980s,

Cambodia was embroiled in a civil war, and in 1975 the Khmer Rouge assumed power. The war damaged many aspects of Cambodia, specifically its educational system, and also had a highly detrimental effect on the preservation and restoration of the cultural heritage site of Angkor Wat.

The Khmer rulers erected Angkor Wat 800 years ago as part of their Hindu worship, but over time the temple transformed into

a Buddhist sanctuary, and today it remains an object of faith for Cambodians. It symbolizes Cambodian national identity, and the preservation of this valuable site will aid in nation-building and national reconciliation, restoring the peace and serenity of the Angkor era. Aiding or preserving Angkor Wat is equal to sustaining cultural rehabilitation.

In 1993, I made the following proposition to the new government, namely, "Let us become friends and return to the tranquil days of Angkor Wat. During the 24 years of civil war four groups fought each other, but now let us gather them all together at Angkor Wat." I believe cultural rehabilitation to be the reconstruction of peace, and with this goal in mind we embarked upon the restoration of the Western Causeway of Angkor Wat Phase I project. I still recall the occasion in January 2000 when His Excellency Prime Minister Hun Sen and His Excellency Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi visited Angkor Wat's Western Causeway, with the former proclaiming, "The restoration of Angkor Wat is the reconstruc-

tion of the Kingdom of Cambodia."

The philosophy of global cooperation engaged in by our Sophia University Angkor International Mission, currently known as the Sophia Asia Center for Research and Human Development, is embodied in the words, "The preservation and restoration of Cambodian cultural heritage should be conducted by Cambodians for Cambodians."

I was honored to receive the Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2017. This prestigious award is not the outcome of my own merit alone, but the merit of my numerous colleagues and friends, both Japanese and Cambodians. In addition to this award I also received a congratulatory message from the Cambodian prime minister, a portion of which stated, "The Royal Government of Cambodia wishes to extend its deepest appreciation to you and your entire team for your continuous contribution toward the protection and conservation of cultural heritage, a significant contribution to sustainable development."

Expanding and strengthening regional bonds

MASATAKA FUJITA

SECRETARY GENERAL, ASEAN-JAPAN CENTRE



On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of Cambodia's National Independence Day, it is my great pleasure and honor to deliver a congratulatory message to the Cambodian people.

The ASEAN-Japan Centre has long conducted promotional activities of trade, investment, tourism and personal exchanges so as to enhance partnerships between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states and Japan. On behalf of the center, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to the Kingdom of Cambodia for its contribution to maintain amicable ASEAN-Japan relations, as well as Cambodia-Japan bilateral relations.

It is gratifying that friendly and long-standing Cambodia-Japan relations have been strengthened and broadened year by year in various fields. While Cambodia's nominal gross domestic product more than doubled during the past decade from 2007 to 2016, because of its open economy approach and friendly and liberalized trade and investment climate, the trade (exports and imports) between Cambodia and Japan, and Japanese foreign direct investment flow in Cambodia grew ever faster, increasing by 7.4 times and 6.4 times, respectively, during the same period. Fueled by the strategic location in the heart of Indochina, Southeast Asia's dynamic center, in 2016, Japanese investment capital in Cambodia amounted to \$3.6 billion, which made Japan the third-biggest investor in the country, according to the Council for the Development of Cambodia. The number of Japanese-affiliated companies in the country reached 270 in 2016, 3.6 times more than that of five years ago, which is also an out-

standing rate of increase compared to other ASEAN member states that see an average of about two times, according to Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These developments will increase regional production networks involving Cambodia as Japanese companies are spearheading efforts to create regional value chains in ASEAN. As such, Japanese investors have contributed to expanding Cambodia-Japan relations.

This year marks the golden jubilee of the establishment of ASEAN; and it has entered a new phase for creating a further consolidated community. I would like to commend the Kingdom of Cambodia, as a vibrant and powerful member of ASEAN, for playing an important role in developing even stronger and closer ASEAN-Japan relationships. I look forward to continuing work with the people of Cambodia to fortify cooperation bilaterally and within the framework of ASEAN.

Finally, I cordially extend my heartfelt wishes of happiness and further prosperity to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Shared values show through peacekeeping efforts

MASAKI NOKE

DIRECTOR-GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL PEACE COOPERATION HEADQUARTERS, CABINET OFFICE

On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of the Independence of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I would like to congratulate the people of Cambodia and reaffirm the friendship between our two countries.

"Thanks to Japan's decision to participate in the peacekeeping operation, Cambodia could restore peace and develop the country. Today Cambodia is sending troops to South Sudan and working together with the Japanese Self-Defense Forces for the sake of peace and stability," said Prime Minister Hun Sen, on the occa-



sion of his visit to Japan in July 2015. We are very pleased to have received those words of appreciation.

It was in 1992 that Japan made its contribution to the U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) as its first full-scale activity under the Act on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Other Operations, adopted in the same year. A total of 1,532 Japanese were engaged in such activities as monitoring the ceasefire, observing elections, advising

local police and rehabilitating roads.

This year marks the 25th anniversary since the enactment of Japan's Act on Cooperation with U.N. Peacekeeping Operations. Our experience in Cambodia is the genesis of Japan's peacekeeping efforts and its policy of proactive contribution to peace. We are proud that our two countries have together been working for peace in the world. At a summit meeting in August this year, the two leaders agreed to promote further cooperation in a wide range of areas based on the achievements to date. I sincerely hope that the friendly relationship between Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia will deepen further in the future.

Friendship continues to deepen

YASUSHI AKASHI

FORMER SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR CAMBODIA

I wish to express my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the people of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the auspicious occasion of the 64th Anniversary of their Independence Day.

I had the privilege to serve as the special representative of the U.N. secretary-general during the transitional period of authority in



Cambodia from 1992 to 1993. I am proud of having played a modest part in ensuring U.N. efforts to bring about peace and democracy to Cambodia in the turbulent and crucial period of its modern history. I left Cambodia 24 years ago, but Cambodia has never left my heart. The Cambodian people left deep impressions upon my colleagues and myself, with their grace, kindness, dignity, courage and joie de vivre, as well as their attachment to the cause of democracy.

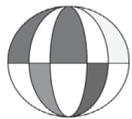
While there have been many vicissitudes in Cambodia since my departure, I am delighted to see that Cambodia has steadfastly kept its course toward peace and prosperity under the reign of the king. Prime Minister Hun Sen has been instrumental in

ensuring that Cambodia maintains its social stability and economic growth while raising people's living standards.

I highly value the friendly relations and excellent cooperation between our two countries that are constantly being enhanced. I sincerely hope that bilateral initiatives in trade, tourism, culture, education and other fields will further deepen our mutual understanding.

I wish from the bottom of my heart for the enduring peace and prosperity of the Kingdom of Cambodia, as well as for the happiness of its people. I also look forward to witnessing the cordial friendship between Cambodia and Japan continue to grow in the years to come.

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Cambodia National Day

Business ties steadily expanding

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I would like to offer my heartiest congratulations and best wishes on the 64th Anniversary of Independence of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

In recent years, numerous Japanese companies have been opening new production sites and sales offices in Cambodia. And membership in the Japanese Business Association of Cambodia has increased nearly fivefold from 50 in 2010, the year the Japan External Trade Organiza-

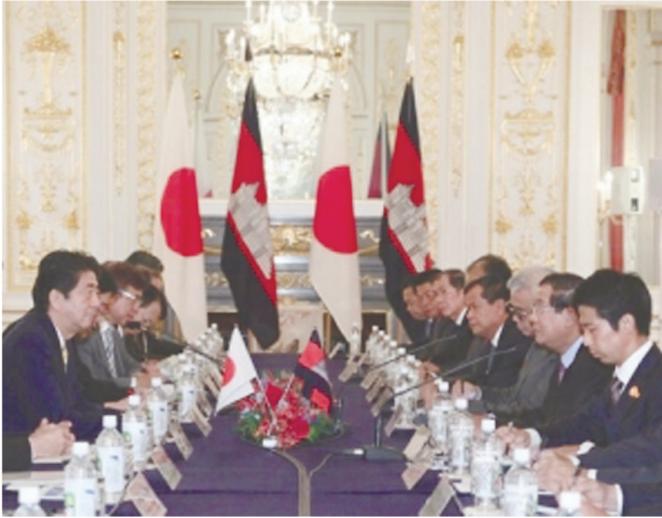
tion (JETRO) office in Phnom Penh was established, to 245 in October.

In August, Prime Minister of Cambodia His Excellency Hun Sen paid us the honor of speaking at an investment seminar jointly held by the Japan-Cambodia Association and JETRO in Tokyo — an event which quickly received more applicants for participation than could be accommodated, demonstrating the significant interest in Cambodia by the Japanese business community. The prime minister directly responded to inquiries from the attending Japanese companies, sending a clear message of Cambodia's enthusiasm in welcoming businesses from Japan.

Through our office in Phnom Penh, we at JETRO hope to contribute to the economic growth of the country by promoting

two-way trade and investment under the auspices of related Cambodian organizations. In the 12th Cambodia Import-Export and One Province, One Product Exhibition to be held next month in Phnom Penh, we will have a Japan Pavilion featuring over 30 Japanese companies and institutions, and will facilitate business matching between them and local firms. JETRO will continue providing such opportunities for Japanese companies to take part in trade fairs, dispatching investment missions and supporting the cultivation of human resources toward the vitalization of business between Cambodia and Japan.

Finally, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for our economic partnership to see further prosperity and for exchange between our people to grow ever deeper.



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe holds a summit with Prime Minister Hun Sen at the Akasaka State Guest House on Aug. 7. EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA



Independence Monument in Phnom Penh EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA

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On July 8 UNESCO added the 7th-century Sambor Prei Kuk or "temple in the richness of the forest" to its heritage list. EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA



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