

Cambodia National Day Special

Celebrating 71 years of long-lasting relations, partnership

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Cambodia, a land of rich culture and history, commemorates its Independence Day with great enthusiasm and pride every Nov. 9. This significant day symbolizes the country's declaration of independence from France in 1953 under the royal crusade of His Majesty the late King Preah Borom Ratanak Kaudh Norodom Sihanouk, the father of independence.

This year signifies the 71st anniversary of Cambodia's Independence Day, reminding us of the courageous movement for national unity initiated by the late king, who selflessly dedicated himself to securing independence for the nation.

Throughout its history, Cambodia has encountered numerous challenges, from the utmost Sangkum Reastr Niyum (Popular Socialist Community) to the Khmer Rouge genocide regime and civil wars. The Cambodian people deeply appreciate the tireless efforts of Samdech Techo Hun Sen, former prime minister and current president of the senate, for his initiative on the Win-Win Policy that led to the complete cessation of civil war, unification and lasting peace in Cambodia on Dec. 29, 1998.

Under the dynamic leadership of Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, prime minister of Cambodia, the government of the seventh legislature has attained remarkable milestones, particularly in upholding peace, political stability, economic growth and development and a notable increase in investment and environmental activities, while safeguarding national sovereignty and territorial integrity. Cambodia has actually transitioned from being classified as a least-developed country to a low-middle-income country,



Left: The "Victory Flame" lighting ceremony to mark the 70th Anniversary of Cambodia's Independence Day, presided over by His Majesty King Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihanouk, is held in 2023. Right: Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as well as Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba (sixth from left), and other government officials pose at the 27th ASEAN-Japan Summit in Vientiane on Oct. 10.

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and is preparing a strategy to exit LDC status entirely by 2029. The groundbreaking for the Funan Techo Canal held on Aug. 5 is one of the most important projects in Cambodian history. Looking to the future, the government aims to achieve high-middle-income status by 2030 and high-income status by 2050.

To achieve sustainable and inclusive growth as outlined in the Cambodian government's Pentagonal Strategies, the government has set policies to fortify old friendships, cultivate new friendships and solidify Cambodia's position on the international stage by further enhancing development partnership and cooperation.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Japan. In his congratulatory message to Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba on Oct. 1, Manet highlighted the excellent bonds of friendship and close bilateral ties enjoyed by Cambodia and Japan, underpinned by frequent high-level exchanges and practical cooperation in multiple fields, and reaffirmed Cambodia's readiness to work and cooperate closely with Japan.

The commitment to further reinforce the aforementioned framework has been reaffirmed through a constructive telephone

conversation between Deputy Prime Minister Sok Chenda Sophea, the minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation of Cambodia, and newly appointed Foreign Minister of Japan Takeshi Iwaya, on Oct. 21. Both sides reaffirmed their shared resolve to further strengthen the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries, which has paved the way for deepening and expanding cooperation in mutually beneficial sectors, including Japan's Three New Cooperation Approaches with Cambodia, aligning with Cambodia's development strategy, the Pentagonal Strategy Phase I for five years.

Iwaya also expressed his commitment to further promote the existing excellent cooperation, including in trade and investment, education, health, defense and security, demining and connectivity.

This year, both countries have conducted frequent communication and high-level visits to promote a strong foundation for bilateral cooperation in all areas, including official visits to Cambodia by then-Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and then-Defense Minister Minoru Kihara

on July 5 to 6 and Aug. 5, respectively, contributing to the strengthening and expansion of the existing good cooperation in many fields.

Trade has steadily increased as well. In the first seven months of 2024, the bilateral trade volume between Cambodia and Japan reached more than \$1.15 billion, while Japan provided the highest number of visitors to Cambodia among the top 10 countries.

Cambodia and Japan also reaffirm their commitment to further strengthen cooperation in the regional and international arenas. Cambodia appreciates and welcomes Japan's strong determination to further reinforce the relationship with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations under the comprehensive strategic partnership confirmed by Ishiba at the 27th ASEAN-Japan summit in Vientiane on Oct. 10.

In conclusion, I would like to express Cambodia's sincere gratitude to the government and people of Japan for their significant contribution to Cambodia's peace process in the past and for providing valuable assistance to Cambodia's socioeconomic rehabilitation and development.

May the enduring friendship between Cambodia and Japan continue to prosper.



Then-Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Sok Chenda Sophea sign an exchange of notes during her visit to Cambodia on July 6. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF CAMBODIA

Great chances for unity, prosperity

MASAHIRO IMAMURA
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-CAMBODIA
PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the Kingdom of Cambodia on its Independence Day.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Cambodia, we have cultivated many years of friendly relations.

During these years, there were difficult times such as disastrous conflicts, but thanks to the efforts of the people, the cooperation of Japan and other friendly countries, and the building of a strong political system with national unity, Cam-

bodia has achieved high economic growth of about 7% per year in recent years. In the region of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and on the international stage, Cambodia has been active, and Japanese companies are expanding into, investing in and increasingly interacting with Cambodia.

In an increasingly unstable international situation, Southeast Asia has great potential to unite and prosper, with Japan and Cambodia at the center of this future.

Let us work together toward a bright future in which we can enjoy peace and prosperity and deepen friendship and exchanges between our peoples.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all Cambodians by pledging that I sincerely pray for the further development and happiness of both countries, and that I will do my best to achieve this goal.

Congratulations to the People of Cambodia on the Occasion of the Anniversary of Their Independence

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

- ❖ Visa issuance
- ❖ Promotion of two-way tourism
- ❖ 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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Close ties and business activities continue growth

TAITO SUZUKI
PRESIDENT OF TAICA CORP.



On the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the independence of the Kingdom of Cambodia, we would like to congratulate and thank the people of Cambodia for their friendship and cooperation.

Not only is this the 71st anniversary of independence, it is also the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, making it an honor to be here for this special moment. We are grateful for the unceasing efforts of our predecessors in both countries leading up to the anniversary

and will continue to carry on this spirit and work to build a stronger bridge for bilateral relations. In addition, we are celebrating our 75th anniversary this year, and are very happy to be celebrating it together with Cambodia's 71st anniversary.

Taica Corp. has four business areas, and our relationship with Cambodia started when we established a factory in 2012. In the 10 years since, we have conducted business activities and deepened our relationship with the Kingdom of Cambodia by donating futsal courts and stationery based on our corporate philosophy of making international contributions.

We have been working with Japanese professional soccer team Shimizu S-Pulse and started displaying the logo "Cambodia Kingdom of Wonder" on their uniforms two years ago. We sponsored one of the team's matches as "Cambodia Day" and the Royal

Embassy of Cambodia to Japan opened a promotional booth. It was an honor for the match to be authorized as a "70th anniversary of friendship between Japan and Cambodia commemorative event."

We are confident the Kingdom of Cambodia will make further progress and growth as it moves toward its next anniversaries. As a company with locations in Cambodia, we will not only observe the trajectory of this progress and growth, but also continue to seek new contribution activities as a bridge between Cambodia and Japan.

Now people are coming and going between both countries. As the situation is greatly improving, let us help each other and move forward together toward our 100th anniversary.

We hope that the bonds of friendship between Japan and Cambodia will be further strengthened.



The sun rises over Angkor Wat at the vernal equinox in 2024. Top left: The Moonlight Pavilion, Phnom Penh; Bottom left: The Buddhist festival of Magha Puja, called Meak Bochea in Cambodia, is celebrated on the full moon day of the third lunar month. LIM ROMA; TVK CAMBODIA

Beautiful nature and warm, affable people

KUNIHICO HIRABAYASHI
SECRETARY GENERAL, ASEAN-JAPAN CENTRE



On this joyous occasion of Cambodia's Independence Day, it is my great pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations. As we celebrate this significant milestone, I wish to

honor the strength, resilience and spirit of the Cambodian people, who have shown the world that a bright future can be built from deep cultural roots and a hopeful vision.

I have a special connection with Cambodia, which I am reminded of every day

when I look at the six colorful drawings that decorate the wall of my office. These drawings, made by Cambodian children, beautifully depict their communities and their dreams. They always bring me joy, and to me, they represent not just the present, but also the bright future of Cambodia. Through the eyes of these children, I see a nation that remains humble and kind, yet is growing in confidence and pride, ready to engage with the world.

It is the spirit of the Cambodian people — their dedication, hard work and creativity — that has driven the country's rapid progress. More and more, Cambodia is becoming a vital player in cross-border trade, business and innovation, showcasing a nation determined to grow while preserving its rich traditions. This balance of heritage and forward thinking represents the new face of Cambodia, a

country that stands tall and proud on the world stage.

As Cambodia and Japan continue to strengthen their bonds, I encourage my fellow Japanese to experience this remarkable transformation firsthand. Beyond the historical wonders of Angkor Wat, there is so much more to discover — beautiful landscapes, unique products and, most importantly, the warmth and kindness of the Cambodian people.

Let us celebrate Cambodia's achievements, its bright future, and the deep friendship between Cambodia and Japan. Together, we will continue building bridges of cooperation and solidarity, working hand in hand for shared prosperity. May Cambodia's future be filled with success and happiness, just as its past is filled with pride and resilience.

Happy Independence Day, Cambodia!

Close cooperation in attracting investment

NORHIKO ISHIGURO
JETRO CHAIRMAN AND CEO



On the 71st anniversary of the independence of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the people of Cambodia.

From independence up to the present day, your country has continued to achieve great development. I would like to express my respect for your country's record of steady devel-

opment and for the efforts of the Cambodian people, and I pray for your country's further prosperity.

In response to a request from Sun Chanthol, deputy prime minister and first vice chairman of the Council for the Development of Cambodia, who visited Japan in May, the Japan External Trade Organization held a workshop for the CDC in Phnom Penh in July. JETRO explained Japan's business environment, our organization's activities for attracting foreign investment, and the practical workflows involved. During the two-day workshop, there were lively discussions on the types of activities Cambodia could hold in the future to attract investment. At the closing

ceremony, Chanthol revealed plans to set up facilities to support companies establishing bases in Cambodia, such as office and cafe spaces that can be used by foreign companies, and country-specific consultation desks.

JETRO will continue to support companies and back the Cambodian government's target of achieving upper middle-income country status by 2030 and high-income status by 2050, as well as carbon neutrality through research and projects, thereby contributing to further business development in Cambodia and Japan.

We would like to offer once again our heartfelt wishes for the continued happiness and prosperity of the Cambodian people.

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Expansion sees new business endeavors

YOSHIHISA KAINUMA
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 CEO, MINEBEA MITSUMI INC.



On the auspicious occasion of the 71st anniversary of Cambodia's Independence Day, on behalf of Minebea Mitsumi Inc., I would like to express my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the

people of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Minebea Mitsumi has been operating in Cambodia under the company name of Minebea (Cambodia) Co. since December 2010 as a pioneering electronic components

manufacturer. We have expanded our plant space to a total of 200,000 square meters, providing job opportunities to 7,000 young Cambodians.

This year, I am incredibly delighted to share two pieces of good news about our business expansion in Cambodia: a new plant and a solar farm in Pursat province.

On Sept. 20, we successfully hosted a grand groundbreaking ceremony for our second Cambodian plant, which will span a total of 500,000 square meters, making it 2.5 times larger than our first plant in Phnom Penh, with the participation of key government officials and guests.

At the same time, we also decided to take on the challenge of generating 50 megawatts of solar power. As a result, in the near future, our products in Cambodia will be

produced using 100% renewable energy. We are pleased to conduct such a carbon-neutral project and to be on the right track of achieving carbon neutrality.

Thanks to the unprecedented support from the Royal Government of Cambodia and the efforts of our young Cambodian employees, these new business expansions are being made possible. We will continue to contribute to the further development of Cambodia.

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

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The Royal Palace, Phnom Penh EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA



Left: Bayon temple is one of many enigmatic structures in Angkor Wat. Below: The Apsara Dance is one of the traditional dances in the Royal Ballet of Cambodia's repertoire.

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 Kazuhiro Manabe, *President*

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We, five companies of the Toyota Tsusho Group in Cambodia, continue to contribute to the development of the country.



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