Cambodia National Day Special

Advancing national growth and enduring friendship

CHUM SOUNRY
AMBASSADOR OF CAMBODIA



On the auspicious occasion of the 73rd anniversary of Cambodia's Independence Day, I am deeply honored to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the Cambodian people and our Japanese friends.

On Nov. 9, 1953, Cambodia regained its independence from French colonial rule through the courageous leadership of Preah Karuna Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Preah Borom Ratanakkot, the late king-father of independence, territorial integrity and Khmer national unity. This historic achievement remains a source of national pride and inspiration for generations of Cambodians.

Having endured decades of conflict and hardship, Cambodia has transformed itself into a nation of peace, stability and development. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen's historic "Win-Win Policy," which achieved national reconciliation and unity in 1998, laid the foundation for Cambodia's remarkable socioeconomic progress.

Building upon these achievements, the Royal Government of Cambodia, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, continues to advance comprehensive reforms through the Pentagonal Strategy-Phase I. With people at the center of development, the government prioritizes human capital, economic diversification, infrastructure, digital transformation and good governance, guided by the national vision of becoming a high-income country by 2050.

Despite global economic uncertainties, Cambodia has demonstrated resilience through expanded manufacturing, growing exports, continued investment and improved connectivity. Major infrastructure developments, including Techo International Airport and the modernization of Sihanoukville Port, represent important milestones in strengthening Cambodia's competitiveness and regional integration. The government remains committed to improving the investment climate, creating quality employment and ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth.

Nevertheless, peace remains the most precious foundation of national development. Cambodia is firmly committed to safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity while resolving differences peacefully through dialogue, diplomacy and international law. We deeply appreciate Japan's constructive role in supporting peace and stability along the Cambodia-Thailand border, including its humanitarian assistance to affected communities.

This year also marks the 73rd anniversary of diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Japan. Our long-standing friendship has reached new heights under the comprehensive strategic partnership established in 2023, reflecting deepening political trust and expanding cooperation across numerous sectors.

High-level exchanges and strengthened institutional cooperation have further consolidated this partnership. The Japan-Cambodia Economic Co-Creation Package provides an important framework for promoting trade, investment, industrial development and innovation. The continued engagement of Japanese businesses and investors demonstrates confidence in Cambodia's economic potential and development prospects.

Japan remains an indispensable partner in Cambodia's reconstruction and modernization. Its generous contributions to infrastructure, education, healthcare, human resource development and humanitarian land mine action have significantly supported Cambodia's progress. Cooperation in maritime connectivity, security, defense and emerging technologies continues to expand our bilateral partnership.

We particularly welcome the growing cooperation in green investment, renewable energy, digital innovation and sustainable development. These initiatives complement Cambodia's national priorities while opening new opportunities for mutually beneficial partnerships between our private sectors.

At the regional and international levels, Cambodia and Japan share a strong commitment to peace, stability and prosperity. Cambodia values Japan's constructive engagement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and remains committed to strengthening ASEAN-Japan cooperation, ASEAN centrality and an open, inclusive and rules-based regional order.

Equally important are the enduring bonds between our peoples. Cultural exchanges, education, tourism and youth cooperation continue to deepen mutual understanding and friendship.

On this memorable occasion, I wish to express Cambodia's profound gratitude to the government and people of Japan for their unwavering friendship and invaluable contributions to Cambodia's peace, rehabilitation and socioeconomic development.

As Cambodia celebrates its independence, we look forward with confidence to further strengthening our comprehensive strategic partnership.

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



His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni and Cambodian leaders attend an Independence Day ceremony in Phnom Penh on Nov. 9, 2025. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF CAMBODIA

Bonds continue to grow in a wide variety of areas

YUKO OBUCHI
CHAIRPERSON OF THE JAPAN-CAMBODIA PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



On behalf of the Japan-Cambodia Parliamentary Friendship League, I wish to extend my warmest and most heartfelt congratulations to the government and people of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the auspicious occasion of your 73rd Independence Day anniversary.

Since the dawn of our diplomatic relations, Japan and Cambodia have cultivated a profound, enduring friendship and established a wide-ranging cooperative framework.

This bond was further strengthened through the era of peacebuilding efforts in Cambodia and the subsequent reconstruction of the country. Moreover, our bilateral ties, which historically centered on robust economic cooperation, have steadily expanded into other critical fields such as regional security, digital technology and cybersecurity, evolving into a truly multifaceted and resilient comprehensive strategic partnership.

This spirit of mutual collaboration and trust is also vividly reflected in our joint endeavors to address pressing global challenges.

In the field of land mine action — an area where Japan has long stood side by side with Cambodia — your nation has successfully transitioned into an invaluable proactive partner, actively collaborating with Japan to extend crucial demining assistance to third countries.

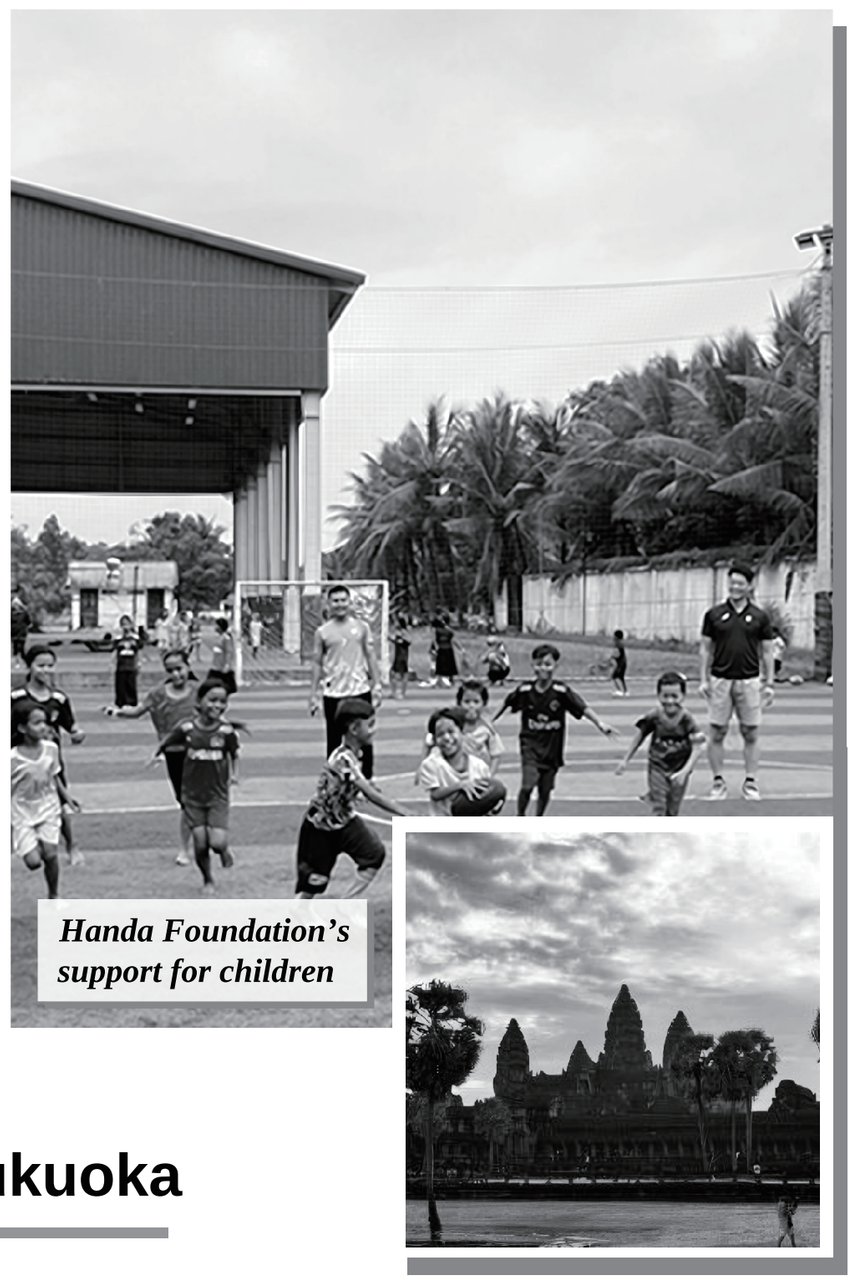
It is my great privilege to be able to visit Cambodia this December to attend the inauguration ceremony of the Techo Peace Museum of Cambodian Mine Action Center, which was established with the support of Japan. I look forward to personally celebrating this milestone in our bilateral cooperation.

Congratulations

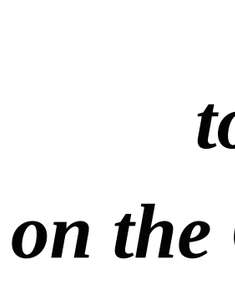
to the People of Cambodia on the Occasion of the Anniversary of Their Independence

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

- ❖ Providing information and guidance on e-Visa applications
- ❖ Promoting two-way tourism
- ❖ Organizing cultural events in Fukuoka to showcase Cambodian arts and culture
- ❖ Introducing Cambodia to young people in the Kyushu and Okinawa regions to promote their interest in building bridges between Japan and Cambodia



Handa Foundation's support for children



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Working toward shared prosperity

KUNIHIKO HIRABAYASHI
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On behalf of the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)-Japan Centre, I extend my warmest congratulations to the government and people of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the 73rd anniversary of their independence.

This occasion is a chance to celebrate Cambodia's achievements and reaffirm the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation between our countries. As Cambodia continues its socioeconomic development, our partnership is evolving beyond traditional cooperation toward "co-creation," innovation and shared prosperity. The energy and aspirations of Cambodia's youth are key to shaping the next chapter of this partnership.

This spirit was reflected in the Cambodia-Japan Investment Roadshow 2026, which was co-organized by the ASEAN-Japan Centre and its partners in Tokyo and Osaka in June. Led by H.E. Sun Chanthol, deputy prime minister and first vice chairman of the Council for the Development of Cambodia, the delegation engaged with Japanese businesses to explore opportunities in agriculture, food processing, clean energy, manufacturing and technology transfer. H.E. Chum Sounry, the ambassador of Cambodia to Japan, also attended the Osaka program.

The discussions highlighted the complementary strengths of our countries, combining Cambodia's dynamic workforce and growing industrial capabilities with Japan's expertise in technology and manufacturing. These strengths create opportunities for sustainable investment, knowledge-sharing and mutual benefit.

Connecting ASEAN and Japan, the ASEAN-Japan Centre remains committed to facilitating meaningful partnerships that support sustainable development and mutual understanding.

On this auspicious occasion, I extend my best wishes for the continued peace, prosperity and well-being of the Cambodian people. I look forward to further strengthening the ties between Cambodia, Japan and the wider ASEAN region, building a future of shared opportunities and lasting friendship.



Modern buildings stand in contrast to traditional architecture in Phnom Penh. DY MALYNETH

Creating an attractive destination to invest

NORIHIKO ISHIGURO
JETRO CHAIRMAN AND CEO



On the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the independence of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the people of Cambodia.

Cambodia has made remarkable progress since gaining independence, and I express my profound respect for the country's steady development and the tireless efforts of its people. I sincerely wish for the continued prosperity of Cambodia and its citizens.

In June, I had the pleasure of meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Sun Chanthol during his visit to Japan. The Japan External Trade Organization supported holding a business roundtable in Tokyo and an investment forum in Osaka. I was particularly impressed by the strong leadership and commitment demonstrated by the Cambodian government, including its swift establishment of the Business Co-Creation Team to further improve the investment environment.

Furthermore, under the deputy prime minister's leadership, a dialogue session with Japanese companies was held in April, providing a valuable opportunity for direct discussions on the challenges faced by Japanese businesses operating in Cambodia, including logistics-related issues. We are greatly encouraged by the government's proactive efforts to address these practical concerns and improve the business environment through close engagement with the private sector.

Cambodia's economy continues its remarkable growth. Improvements in healthcare and sanitation have contributed to rising life expectancy, while the country's abundant young workforce remains one of its most attractive strengths as an investment destination. To contribute to Cambodia's goal of becoming a high-income country by 2050, JETRO remains committed to promoting trade and investment, further deepening the bonds between our nations.

In closing, I sincerely wish for the continued happiness and prosperity of the people of Cambodia.

Production expanding on 100% renewable energy

YOSHIHISA KAINUMA
REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTOR, CHAIRMAN, CEO, MINEBEA MITSUMI INC.



We pray for world peace and express our deepest condolences to those who lost their precious lives in the armed conflicts and tragic events of the past year.

Marking our 15th anniversary this year, the combined workforce of our Phnom Penh and Pursat factories has grown to over 9,000 employees. In December 2025, we held the soft opening ceremony for the Pursat factory, our second manufacturing site in Cambodia. Following the launch of a 20-megawatt solar power facility in January and the addition of 30 MW in November, our total power generation has exceeded the electricity consumption of both plants. This milestone enables us to proudly highlight to customers worldwide that our products are made using 100% renewable energy.

Alongside the expansion of our business foundation, what we focus on most is investing in human resources. In conjunction with the launch of new production lines at the Pursat plant, we have dispatched more than 200 employees to our overseas locations since 2025, conducting intensive advanced technical training programs spanning six months to over a year.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Royal Government of Cambodia for its warm support and to all our employees for their shared passion and dedication. Placing top priority on contributing to local communities, including Pursat province, we remain fully committed to the sustainable development of Cambodia.

We sincerely wish for the continued prosperity of the Kingdom of Cambodia, as well as the good health and happiness of everyone.

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Women perform the Aspara dance in Siem Reap.
MINISTRY OF TOURISM OF CAMBODIA



Angkor Wat was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site on Dec. 14, 1992. CAMBODIA CINEMA DEPARTMENT

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Respectful greetings from:
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We, five companies of the Toyota Tsusho Group
in Cambodia, continue to contribute
to the development of the country.
Toyota Tsusho Corporation
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