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Meet **Ms. Kong Soputhyka**, who has recently joined EuroCham as a Junior Project Officer. She will be supporting us in the Events, Communication, and Membership department.

As a fresh graduated student majoring in International Business Administration at National University of Management International College, Ms. Soputhyka is on a search for a perfect place to set her foot on. As the result, EuroCham is an exceptional place to mark her first journey as a professional.

Being the newest member of the chamber does not make Soputhyka less reliance since she is ready to absorb as many things as possible and at your assistance of any time.

If you need any support, feel free to reach out to Soputhyka through project.officer@eurocham-cambodia.org



Kong Soputhyka
Junior Project Officer

Meet our Team





News

Cambodia / Latest updates on economic outlook and ASEAN chairmanship opportunities



Panel discussion on Cambodian economic outlook and ASEAN chairmanship opportunities

During the conference, we are honored to have **Her Excellency Tekreth Kamrang**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce, for joining us and addressing Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship Priorities for 2022. Her excellency emphasized the priorities of the Royal Government of Cambodia in 3 areas to promote economic diversification. Starting with the economic recovery within 4 main sectors including agriculture and agri-business, tourism, garment, and manufacturing; the continuity form to build growth for competition, resilience, and sustainable inclusive growth with the development in digitalization to support the SMEs, education skills labor, public health and thirdly the green recovery.

H.E Dr. Sok Siphana, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Asian Vision Institute has shared his remarks on the KAS-AVI Publication of Cambodia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2022, Priorities and Challenges mainly focus on political stability. The publication

gives substantive elements to the readers regarding the contribution of each country while holding the chairmanship position within one year-round. He also mentioned how crucial Cambodia's role is to the political security and economic aspect of the region.

The events continued with an outstanding presentation by **Mr. Chris Humphrey**, Executive Director of EU-ASEAN Business Council on the EU-ASEAN Business Sentiment Survey which measured the views of the European industries on Southeast Asia and how it related to the Cambodia Chairmanship of ASEAN. The overall keynotes of the survey presented with good news and rooms for improvement, keys for investment, jobs sustainable growth, views on free trade agreements and Europe's influence on ASEAN.

The conference ended with an interactive panel discussion to further elaborate on Cambodia's role in leading the ASEAN community toward a more prosperous and robust economic growth.

Shout out to our moderator **Mr. Tom Hesketh** and our panelists **Mr. Tassilo Brinzer**, **Dr. Daniel Schmücking**, **Mr. Chris Humphrey** and **Dr. Molyaneth Heng** for a very fruitful dialogue.

Cambodia's Chairmanship of
ASEAN in 2022

2021 EU-ASEAN Business
Sentiment Survey

Tourism / Reopening central to AFT 2022



Prime Minister Hun Sen cutting the ribbon at the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2022

Prime Minister Hun Sen encouraged ASEAN to reopen tourism and trade now as the bloc's member countries have vaccinated.

He urged ASEAN tourism ministers to find ways to facilitate the flow of tourism this year while appealing other member countries to continue strengthening and expanding their cooperation with other dialogue and development partners by forming local, regional, and global partnerships between the public and private sectors to bring prosperity to ASEAN and the world.

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Networking / Toast to 2022



Toast to 2022 networking night at SOSORO Museum

To welcome the new year and to thank our team and partners, EuroCham held our annual "**Toast**" to the new year event on the premises of the SOSORO Museum in Phnom Penh. Besides many of our members, guests included the Ambassadors of France and Great Britain, government officials, the heads of international chambers in Cambodia, the Executive Director of the EU-ASEAN Business Council and a range of VIP's from within the Cambodian business community.

We are grateful to the SOSORO Museum for providing the outstanding garden space, and for arranging tours for our members of this most innovative museum in Cambodia.

Construction / Occupation hazards policy under review



Phnom Penh landscape

The Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training and a number of stakeholders held a consultative workshop to discuss occupational hazards in the construction sector and the scope of the cover that the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) can provide for workers in the industry.

Ministry secretary of state, **Sum Sophorn** said at the event that the ministry was continuing to focus on NSSF, based on the Strategic Plan for Employment and Vocational Training Sector Development 2019-2023. He added “We are continuing to expedite the development of the social security programme for workers and public officials, former civil servants and veterans. We intend to strengthen and expand the implementation of the programme in terms of protecting workers from occupational risk.”

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ASEAN / Support for Cambodia's chairmanship



Minister of Women's Affairs, Ing Kantha Phavi had the official meeting with Australia Ambassador to ASEAN, Will Nankervis

Australia has reaffirmed its support for Cambodia's Ministry of Women's Affairs to host the ASEAN Women Leaders' Summit 2022. Australian ambassador to ASEAN **Mr. Will Nankervis** met with women's affairs minister **Ing Kantha Phavi** as part of his visit to strengthen cooperation with the bloc, which Cambodia chairs this year.

During the meeting, Kantha Phavi and Nankervis shared experiences and discussed cooperation between the two countries on priority areas.

"The Australian side reaffirmed their support as the ministry prepares to host the ASEAN Women Leaders' Summit. They are also looking to enhance cooperation on priority areas such as the economic empowerment for women, and the prevention of gender-based violence and human trafficking," the ministry said in a statement.

Economic recovery / NBC plan to launch 10 policies



H.E. Chea Chanto, Governor of the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC)

To support the recovery with sustainable growth, the Royal Government of Cambodia will set out a strategic framework and programs to promote economic growth in line with COVID-19 as the new normal.

The National Bank of Cambodia, as well as the Cambodian banking system, will introduce 10 main policies, including stabilizing the exchange rate, promoting the use of the local currency (Khmer riel), implementing targeted support measures, upgrading inclusiveness and financial knowledge, ensuring active and efficient cash management services, utilizing new financial technologies, strengthening the business sustainability plan, strengthening the effectiveness of anti-money laundering and terrorism financing, contribute to climate change mitigation, and strengthening regional financing integration and safety as the chairman of ASEAN 2022.

Tax / Deadline extended on VAT rules for e-commerce



General Department of Taxation Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The General Department of Taxation of the Ministry of Economic and Finance extended the deposit deadline for Prakas No.542 issued on September 08, 2021, on the rules and procedures for applying the value-added tax on e-commerce transitions until March 31, 2022, to allow taxpayers more time to prepare for the implementation of the Prakas effectively from April 1, 2022, onwards. Meanwhile, the non-resident taxpayers who supply digital goods or digital services electronically or any e-commerce activities to the Kingdom of Cambodia must register for VAT (Simplified VAT Registration) before April 01, 2022.

Official Announcement

Notification / The government completes \$40 subsidy for garment workers



Factory Workers, Phnom Penh

Starting from January 2022 onward, the Royal Government of Cambodia decided to complete the implementation of the government's measures to provide an allowance of 40 USD per month for workers in the textile, garment, footwear, and travel products whose contracts were suspended due to the COVID19 pandemic. Meanwhile, the workers in the tourism sector whose contracts were suspended still receive the same subsidy until further notice.

Official Announcement

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Tuesday & Wednesday
25&26, JAN

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Webinar On European Businesses in Myanmar Update during a Challenging Period

Online via Zoom

Wednesday **26, JAN**
From 3:00PM

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Digital Launch Event 2022 of European Chamber Business Position Paper (Thailand)

Online via Zoom

Thursday **27, JAN**
From 10:00AM

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Members Corner

Acleda celebrates 30 years

ACLEDA Bank Plc. is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a greater emphasis on digital banking, increasing the number of digital transactions, even in the most remote parts of the country to support the goal of the National Bank of Cambodia in promoting universal financial inclusiveness and literacy.

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One of the best companies to work for in Asia 2021

For the fifth time, Unilever Cambodia has won the prestigious "HR ASIA" award as the preferred employer of choice in the Kingdom.

Mr. Sothou Ly, Unilever Country Director of Cambodia and Laos said, "We are very honoured to receive this special award which is a recognition of one of the best companies in Asia. Winning such a prestigious award during a challenging period of the global pandemic reaffirms our commitment to providing a purposeful career and aspiring workplace for our employees in Cambodia."

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New Members / Welcome to EuroCham



Italian Chapter- Mr. Carlo Santoro

Mr. Carlo Santoro (Ph.D.), Associate Professor at American University Phnom Penh (Art, Architecture and Urban Design), a fellow researcher of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing (Cultural Heritage Preservation), and member of "Jartrakor", International Association on Psychology of Art in Rome.

As founder of Metaestetica multidisciplinary research laboratory, he has conducted a series of events on digital and participatory art at the Sarsus Art Center, Beijing 798 Art Zone and later at the Art

Space, Factory Phnom Penh. His works have been exhibited in various events dedicated to contemporary art and architecture, including those supported by the Museum of Contemporary Art of Rome (MACRO), Cambodian Ministry of Culture of Fine Arts, Italian Honorary Consulate Cambodia and Italian Ministry of Foreigner Affairs.

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French Chapter - The Wildlife Alliance

Wildlife Alliance offers direct protection to forests and wildlife through cutting-edge conservation programs. These include programs to:

- Combat the illegal wildlife trade (Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team)
- Patrol protected areas in the Cardamom Forest Landscape to reduce threats to the forest and wildlife (Cardamom Forest Protection Program)
- Provide resources for community conservation units (Community Anti Poaching Unit; Community Conservation Support Unit)
- Deliver environmental education to children and communities throughout the country (Kouprey Express)
- Facilitate alternative livelihoods, including in sustainable agriculture and community-based ecotourism (Community Agriculture Development Program; Community based ecotourism)
- Care for rescued wildlife, including rehabilitation and release at Angkor Protected Forest Landscape, Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre, and the Wildlife Release Station (Care for Rescued Wildlife)

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Food / Sweet Potato Roesti, Salmon and Rocket at The Shop Cambodia

The Shop is a popular eatery, bakery, and gourmet chocolate destination in Phnom Penh. The food is



nutritious and delicious, and the ingredients are organic. The four café & bistro outlets in Phnom Penh are notable for their quiet garden settings, heritage design, healthy meals, and attentive service.

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Check out other EuroCham Member Restaurants:

b. Consulting Hospitality & Hotel Solutions, Cambodian Country Club, Dara Hotels, Hagar Catering & Facilities Management, Himawari Hotel Apartments, Hops Garden, Hotel Cambodiana, Hyatt Regency, Il Forno Phnom Penh, Knai Bang Chatt, La Palmeraie d'Angkor, Le Flamboyant Boutique Resort & Spa, Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Rambutan Hotel and Resorts Cambodia, Rosewood Phnom Penh, Six Senses Krabey Island, Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra, Thalias Hospitality Group, The Balé Phnom Penh, TS Concept.

Publications



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