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The Week

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Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

Welcome to the second issue of our weekly newsletter, which we hope keeps you informed about the latest news and the chamber activities.

This week, we have seen a lot of encouraging news, particularly with the **re-opening of the country** to fully vaccinated travellers at the end of next month. We are now seeing a ray of hope in the direction of restoring our tourism sector.

At the chamber, we had a very successful first physical event, with a full house for our **Cambodian Insiders Luncheon with H.E Mr. Heng Sour from the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training**. We are very delighted to re-organise our physical events again, which we had missed for many months.

Having said that, we are still holding our webinars and meetings online. Next Thursday, we'll be hosting our fourth SME Export Talk with our partner Arise+ Cambodia, focusing on "**Food Safety for Export**". Please join us!

A lot more events in November both physical and virtual will be announced soon. Keep an eye out!

Sov Champavatey,
Communication Officer





News

CAMBODIA / Prime Minister Hun Sen to Attend the Upcoming COP26



His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia

COP26 is the 2021 United Nations climate change conference. This year conference will take place in Glasgow, UK from 31 October until 12 November 2021. The COP26 summit will bring together world leaders alongside government representatives, businesses and citizens from around the globe to discuss and accelerate action towards the **goals of the Paris Agreement** and the **UN Framework Convention on Climate Change**.

According to the Paris Agreement, all countries should formulate and communicate long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies towards achieving the ambitious commitment to limit global warming to well below 2 °C and to pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5 °C.

EuroCham has been actively addressing to the **Royal Government** and other stakeholders via formal letters, meetings and events, the importance of climate change issues as well as the zero-carbon policy that major corporations are adopting. Through its **Green Business Committee**, EuroCham is also engaging in the development of the **"Long Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS)"**, for which the Government except to establish an evidence-driven guide to deliver more ambitious commitments aligned with the Paris Agreement and to achieve net-zero carbon emissions targets.

EVENT / Cambodian Insiders Luncheon with H.E Mr. Heng Sour



H.E. Mr. Heng Sour, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training

This week, EuroCham had the privilege to organise our first **Cambodian Insiders Luncheon** with **H.E. Mr. Heng Sour**, Secretary of State at Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training.

On this special occasion, His Excellency provided us with a comprehensive update on **recent and upcoming reforms**, including the 3rd amendment on the labour law, the reforming of the labour inspection mechanism, preventing child labor, expansion of the NSSF coverage and many more. Special thanks to **Mr. Chheav Narath**, EuroCham Board Member and Chairman of our HR Committee for discussing **EuroCham's policy recommendations** and the **Government's policy responses** to our previous White Books, along with the new, **upcoming recommendations** which aim to reinforce Cambodia's human resource sector and economic recovery.

EUROCHAM / Vice-Chairman, Thomas Hundt Joins Axiata Group

Thomas will step down from his CEO position and relocate from Cambodia to Kuala Lumpur.



Mr. Thomas Hundt, Vice-Chairman of EuroCham & CEO of Smart Axiata

Axiata Group has appointed Smart CEO **Thomas Hundt** as its group chief strategy and technology officer. Thomas has been a high performer while working in Cambodia, according to a press release by Axiata Group, leading positive changes in operations, customer care, and financial performance. He rose through the ranks to become Group Executive Vice President of Smart Axiata's Technology Group in 2020.

"Thomas has built Smart in Cambodia to become the leading telecom provider it is today and was essential in the creation of EuroCham in 2011. For Axiata this appointment is great news, as Thomas has a broad and forward-looking vision for the telecom sector, combined with a deep understanding of current technological trends. At EuroCham, he was a great contributor to the board and our advocacy in the telecoms industry, but also helped much in solving general issues in the chamber throughout the past decade." says **Tassilo Brinzer**, Chairman of EuroCham Cambodia.

"We will certainly miss him here in Cambodia, and wish him the best success in this challenging and rewarding new role after his year-long support for Cambodia's overall economic development, and the telecom industry."

CAMBODIA / Travellers from Thailand Now Able to Enter Cambodia Without Quarantine



Phnom Penh Airport, Cambodia

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen announced that Thais and foreign visitors in Thailand will be able to fly into the country **without being quarantined**.

The PM also said that Cambodia would resume flights from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines in a bid towards reopening the country.

The Thai government declared on October 21 that vaccinated visitors from 46 countries, including Cambodia, will be exempt from quarantine starting **November 1**.

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ADVOCACY / Virtual Trade Mission of EU-ABC and EuroCham to the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication



Dr. Chea Vandeth, Minister of Post and Telecommunications (MoPTC)

This afternoon, EuroCham and the EU-ASEAN Business Council (EU-ABC) met with His Excellency **Dr Chea Vandeth, Minister of Post and Telecommunications** (MoPTC) as part of the EU-ABC Trade and Investment Virtual Mission Trip with the Royal Government institutions.

We discussed the ongoing reforms by the Royal Government in the management of the post, telecommunications and ICT sectors in Cambodia and the development of a reliable and secure IT infrastructure nationwide. Our representatives also touched upon the Ministry's engagement in postal reforms, development of digital skills, e-commerce, the regulatory environment for cloud systems, free movement of data, and many other topics.

We would like to thank H.E. Dr Chea Vandeth and his team for the warm welcome offered and the insightful discussion.

EVENT / Digital Insights - Future of Work Book Launch



Panel Discussion During the "Digital Insights: Future of Work" Book Launch

On 22 October 2021, **EuroCham** and **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Cambodia** concluded a very successful book launch and live panel discussion of the '**Digital Insights: Future of Work**' publication.

This 4th edition tackles what the "Future of Work" looks like for Cambodia, and showcases research from a diverse set of authors representing government, academic, and private sector actors (including EuroCham members!).

This publication will explain how Cambodia's policies can be adapted for Industry 4.0, how HR strategies can be adapted in a post-Covid age, which sectors are most at risk of disruption, and much more.

[Download the Publication](#)

ASEAN / Framework for Circular Economy for the ASEAN Economic Community

Framework for Circular Economy for the ASEAN Economic Community



At the 20th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council meeting on October 18, ASEAN endorsed the **Framework for Circular Economy** for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). The Framework aims to guide ASEAN to achieve its long-term goals of a resilient economy, resource efficiency, sustainable and inclusive growth.

The ASEAN transition toward a circular economy is based on **five Strategic Priorities**:

- Standard Harmonisation and Mutual Recognition of Circular Products and Services;
- Trade Openness and Trade Facilitation in Circular Goods and Services;
- Enhanced Role of Innovation, Digitalisation, and Emerging/Green Technologies;
- Competitive Sustainable Finance and Innovative ESG Investments; and
- Efficient Use of Energy and Other Resources.

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- Italy in Cambodia by ICBA - Italian-Cambodian Business Association receives the award as the **"Best Made in Italy Products and Services provider in Cambodia"**.
- **Alessandro Mangano** wins the World Architecture Awards
- **Thomas Cristofoletti** - Photographer and Videographer aces the Bali Short Film Festival
- Professor **Sandro Vento** is appointed as Global Outreach Medical & Health Association Board Member
- **Riccardo Corrado**, Assistant Professor at the AUPP, co-authored research on Digital Economy in Cambodia
- Milan Design Week 2021 witnesses the participation of two of our partners: [Italian Atelier Cambodia](#) and [Il Nodo](#).

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Upcoming Events & Trainings

Webinar on Food Safety for Export

Entrance Fee: Free of Charge

Thursday, **04, NOV**
10:00am – 11:15 am

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Training Course Leadership For First Line Managers

Member: \$140 | Non-Member: \$175

4&5, NOV | 9:00am – 5:00pm
3, DEC | 9:00am – 12:00pm

Registration Full

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A NEW Website TO PROMOTE CAMBODIA



Members Corner

Our member Credit Bureau (Cambodia) has announced \$25,000 worth of scholarships for local economics students

CBC has launched CBC Scholarship Scheme aiming to equip Cambodian young talent with the skills and knowledge to achieve successful careers in Banking, Financial Services and Fintech enabling them to become the driving force for a brighter future of Cambodia's financial industry.

The scholarship valued at over \$25,000 offers outstanding students in the International Bachelor's degree programme in Economics and Management at the Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE) covering full-tuition support and a range of professional development activities to students over the course of three years.



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Congratulations to our Annual Gold Partner Heineken Cambodia for Winning the Silver Award of the Employee Experience Award 2021

HEINEKEN Cambodia has been recognised as one of Asia Pacific's top companies for career development and inclusion in the prestigious pan-Asian Employee Experience Award 2021 run by the Singapore-based company, Human Resources Online.net.

This award recognises the brewer's commitment to career development opportunities that the company provide for its employees via a strong business alignment, lifelong commitment to employees' professional development and overall mastery in planning for future skillsets. HEINEKEN Cambodia was also praised for its employee engagement and Diversity and Inclusion Strategy.



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NEW MEMBERS / Welcome to EuroCham



German Chapter - I.Q.P.S Trading., CO LTD

IQPS Trading Co Ltd (IQPS) is a leading sales, marketing & distribution business in Cambodia which distributes global & regional beverage brands to all key cities & provinces. IQPS has a network of over 30,000 retail customers.



CCI France Cambodge - Sourceamax Asia Co.Ltd

Sourceamax Asia is an information technology service provider, including computer programming activities, computer consultancy, computer facilities management activities, and other information technology service activities.

INTERVIEW / "We Help Brand Cambodia as the Kingdom of Culture"

Huot Dara, CEO of Phare Performing Social Enterprise

Phare Performing Social Enterprise is a member of EuroCham and is one of Cambodia's most well-known and successful social enterprise role models, particularly in the cultural tourism and creative industries. Today we are interviewing Mr. Dara on his growing social enterprise and the newly formed **Cultural and Creative Industries of Cambodia Association for Development and Advocacy** (CICADA), which aims to play a significant part in the future of the tourism industry in Cambodia.



[Read the full interview](#)

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FOOD / Experience the Taste of Europe: Rambutan



Local, Fusion and Western tastes served in a comfy environment combined with a unique and personal service!

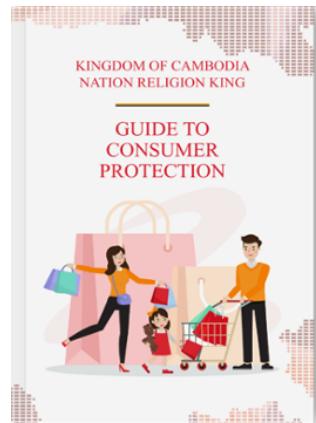
The **Rambutan Restaurants** in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh are serving a wide variety of Western and Khmer favourites. Our Kitchen team consists of several young Khmers who are trained by Mr. Mengly Mork and Mr. Sinath Ry who both received excellent training at some of the most highly qualified hospitality schools in Siem Reap. This results in our current varied menus with a unique fusion selection. You can order breakfast, lunch or dinner at the restaurant or in the privacy of your own room. Next to the a la carte menu, we serve also some weekly specials.

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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.

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