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Ambassador's message

Remarks by Ambassador Wang Wentian on the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China

ON THIS auspicious occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Embassy in Cambodia and myself extend most sincere greetings to Chinese compatriots working, studying and living in Cambodia.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to all friends from both China and Cambodia who have long supported and contributed to the friendship between our two countries.

Over the past 73 years since the founding of the People's Republic of China, the people of China have rallied behind the Communist Party of China (CPC) in advancing the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics through thick and thin, achieving remarkable historic transformation.

Especially since the 18th National Congress of the CPC, the CPC Central Committee with Xi Jinping as the core of leadership gains insight into international and domestic situation, and based on the

accurate understanding of the new stage of development, firmly implements the new development philosophy to create a new development dynamic.

Under such visionary leadership, the Chinese economy is on the track of high-quality development and heading for a brighter future, laying a more solid foundation for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

The upcoming 20th National Congress of the CPC will set the goals, tasks and major policies for China's development in the next five years and beyond.

The Chinese people will continue to muster strength from Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and strive to build a great modern socialist country in all respects and realize the Chinese dream of great national rejuvenation.

Throughout the 73 years, China has always shouldered its responsibility as a major country, contributing to world peace and global development, as well as upholding international order and providing public goods.

China proposed celebrated public goods such as the Belt and Road Initiative, Global



Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia HE Wang Wentian.

Development Initiative and Global Security Initiative, contributing China's wisdom to sustainable development and addressing common challenges for world peace, stability and development.

China also plays an active

role in promoting global cooperation on climate change, firmly adhering to the belief that good environment is invaluable.

China is committed to multilateralism, upholds the international system with the

United Nations at its core and the basic norms governing international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

China aligns itself with the common values of humanity and cooperate with other countries to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

China and Cambodia are close friends and good neighbors.

The bond of friendship between our two countries has withstood the test of major global changes and become exemplary for international relations.

The friendship has been greatly strengthened in our joint efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, with China becoming Cambodia's true strategic support for vaccine supply worthy of the name.

Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville Expressway will be put into operation soon; the construction of Siem Reap-Angkor International Airport is in full swing; Cambodian agricultural products such as fish, corn and longan have been approved to export to China; bilateral cooperation in law enforcement and security deepens; major collaborative projects between

the militaries are progressing smoothly; Cambodian students in China have successfully returned school to resume their studies.

The two countries continue to support each other on our respective core interests and major concerns.

China-Cambodia relations have grown from strength to strength.

In the coming year, we will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Cambodia.

I am convinced that by following the strategic guidance of our leaders and pooling efforts of our peoples, China-Cambodia Community with a Shared Future is bound to reach ever more new heights.

Our bilateral relations will, without a doubt, usher in the next 65 years of vigorous development.

On this auspicious occasion, may I wish all dear friends and your families great happiness and good health!

May the People's Republic of China and the Kingdom of Cambodia enjoy peace and prosperity!

May China-Cambodia traditional friendship keep going from strength to strength!

China scholarship students given warm send-off

THE Chinese Embassy in Phnom Penh on September 22 held a farewell ceremony for the hundreds of Cambodian scholarship students heading to China for study, with the programme resuming after a pause due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event was presided over by Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia HE Wang Wentian and secretary of state at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports HE Pit Chamnan, with scholarship students and embassy officials in attendance.

Some 350 Cambodian scholarship students and civil servants from across the Kingdom were to have travelled to China for study at the end of this month.

Ambassador Wang said relations between China and Cambodia were very close, special and historically embedded, with the Chinese people considering the Kingdom an iron-clad friend.

"While Covid-19 has not yet disappeared, China is to allow Cambodian students to study there as soon as possible to reduce the economic burden on them.

"The Chinese and Cambodian governments have paid great attention to the return of students from the Kingdom to study in China. The Chinese embassy has actively coordinated with the airline for students to receive special rates for their tickets.

"Over the years, many Cambodian students who have graduated from China have been actively involved in nation-building.

"I expect the students will study hard as beneficiaries of the friendship between China and Cambodia to become drivers of national



The Chinese Embassy holds a farewell ceremony for the Cambodian scholarship students heading to China for study on September 22. CHINESE EMBASSY

development," Ambassador Wang said.

Nineteen-year-old scholarship student Horn Bunroth from Kampot province was to embark on six years of studying medicine in Beijing.

"I am delighted to have received a scholarship to study in China, which will provide me with an international-standard education.

"With this opportunity, I am determined to study hard while there to bring back knowledge to help build a more prosperous nation.

"I would like to thank the Cambodian and Chinese governments, especially the Ministry of Education, for their assistance in issuing visas as well as facilitating the preparation of the relevant documents," said Bunroth.

Chan Sivly, also 19 years old and from Phnom Penh, said she earned her scholarship through an exam organised by the Ministry of Education.

She was now to study for a bachelor's degree in finance in Beijing for four years.

"Through this scholarship, Cambodian students will have more courage to go abroad to experience the outside world, particularly to gain greater knowledge, with it importantly also helping less well-off Cambodians to be able to study abroad.

"I would like to thank the Chinese and Cambodian governments, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and the Cambodian Student Association in China for their assistance, such as with the preparation of documents.

"With this to be my first time travelling abroad, I was a little worried, but those who had studied there before shared their experiences. They told me what to expect when arriving in China, so that has given

me confidence before I have even boarded the plane," said Sivly.

She added that after graduating, she would use her knowledge and experiences to benefit Cambodia and its people.

"I expect that when I graduate, I will return to help train the next generation of Cambodian people, helping to develop human resources, as well bring about increased growth for our country," she said.

Ministry of Education secretary of state Chamnan said that since China and Cambodia formally established diplomatic relations in 1958, bilateral ties have steadily developed into a comprehensive strategic partnership and an ironclad kinship which was inseparable.

"I wish to thank China for providing many scholarships to Cambodians, and request the students to respect the law and study hard

while there as strong links in the Cambodia-China friendship and to contribute to further fortifying the friendship.

"From 1998 to 2021, 1,913 Cambodian scholarship students and civil servants – 492 of whom were female – received scholarships to pursue both long-term and short-term studies in China.

"The development of human resources is necessary and urgent, with the Kingdom seeking more support from our Chinese friends in the development of human capital, especially in science, technology, engineering and mathematics," Chamnan said.

The Chinese Embassy garnered significant praise from those it has helped, with more than 400 Cambodian students having returned to China for study since the beginning of August. ■



China-aided medical building to help improve Cambodia's healthcare quality

SITUATED in the Kingdom's capital, the newly established Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital will play an important role in improving the quality of healthcare services in the Southeast Asian nation.

Built by the China State Construction Engineering Corporation Ltd. under a Chinese government's grant, the 11-storey building, which includes a helipad on its roof, has 400 beds and is well equipped with high-tech medical equipment.

The building is divided into different units, including surgery, outpatient services, emergency, medical technology, hospitalisation, and logistics.

"It will importantly contribute to improving the quality of healthcare services and the development of human resources for health in the country," Cambodian Health Minister Mam Bun Heng said during the inauguration ceremony of the medical building in March.

"It will not only be a lifesaving facility, but also a venue for training medical students and health officials."

The Cambodia-China



The Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital in Phnom Penh was inaugurated in March this year. XINHUA

Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital is a public hospital that provides medical services to all kinds of diseases.

What is more, it is outstanding for its brain surgery, as well as bone and spinal fractures.

Tan Sokun, director of the

Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital, called on people to choose the hospital for their treatment instead of seeking medical services abroad.

He said the hospital delivered quality medical services, with cheaper fees

than those charged by overseas hospitals.

"All pieces of medical equipment are new and modern, and our medical experts, both Cambodian and Chinese, are highly competent, so I'm confident that the hospital will provide high

quality and effective medical services to all patients.

"This is an international standard hospital, so medical services at our hospital are not different from those at overseas hospitals," Sokun said.

The medical building is the largest project in public

health cooperation between Cambodia and China, and it is the fruit of cooperation under the frameworks of the comprehensive strategic partnership and the Belt and Road Initiative.

"It's a huge gift for the health sector that China has granted to Cambodia," said Try Limtyty, a 29-year-old doctor at the Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital.

"This new hospital would serve people better as it is well equipped with modern medical technology."

Local residents are also elated to see a large, beautiful and modern hospital in the central part of Phnom Penh, expressing their confidence that it will provide more convenient and quality medical services to people in the capital and the rest of the country.

"This hospital is an invaluable asset of Cambodia," said Sar Srey Virak, a 36-year-old Phnom Penh resident.

"I believe that it will play an important role in protecting the wellbeing of Cambodian people, because the hospital has both Cambodian and Chinese veteran doctors, as well as modern medical equipment." XINHUA ■

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China-built road speeding up travel, flow of goods in southwest Cambodia



The Chinese-built National Road No51 connects Kampong Speu and Kandal provinces. XINHUA



A section of National Road No51 in Kampong Speu province. XINHUA

CONNECTING Kampong Speu and Kandal provinces in southwest Cambodia, the Chinese-built National Road No51 is playing an important role in facilitating travel flow and transport of goods.

Built by the China Road and Bridge Corporation under a concessional loan from the Chinese government, the 37.9km-long and 12m-wide asphalt road was a strategic route linking National Road No5 in Kampong Speu and National Road No4 in Kandal.

Locals said in the past, the road was bumpy and very difficult to travel due to large potholes, with it very dusty in the dry season, and slippery and inundated during the rainy season.

"Previously, it took almost the whole morning or afternoon to travel this distance, but now it only takes 30

to 40 minutes thanks to the good-condition road," said Muth Sokleang, a vegetable vendor along the road.

"This Chinese-built road is really important to help facilitate travel and transport of goods and agricultural products such as rice, bananas, mangoes and vegetables from farms to markets."

Chhem Thath Thay, a 21-year-old resident living along the road, said since the road has been constructed, land prices in the surrounding area have skyrocketed.

"Thank you, China, for constructing this road that has brought us new hope," he said.

"The road will not only help improve the livelihoods of local people, but also contribute to deepening the bond of friendship between the people of the two countries."

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen expressed his profound gratitude to China for financing the project, saying that transport infrastructure was a key element in boosting economic growth and reducing poverty.

"This road will play an important role in facilitating travel and transport of goods because it hosts many factories and large scale enterprises, as well as residential projects," Hun Sen said.

"Although Covid-19 has disrupted us, it cannot prevent our development, particularly the development projects undertaken by China."

Meanwhile, the prime minister stressed the importance of the Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA) and the Regional

Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade deals, saying both pacts were new boosters for Cambodia's trade growth.

Wu Guoquan, the economic and commercial counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Cambodia, said pragmatic cooperation between China and Cambodia had continuously borne new fruit.

He highlighted that in recent months, some China-aided projects such as roads, bridges, hospitals and the new national stadium have been put into use.

"Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, our pragmatic cooperation has produced more fruitful results which truly reflect the ironclad friendship between China and Cambodia," he said at the event.

Wu said the China-Cambodia

community with a shared future during the pandemic set a model for building a new type of international relations.

"We will continue to implement the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries and make good use of the CCFTA and RCEP to push our bilateral trade volume to a new high," he said.

Cambodian Transport Minister Sun Chanthol said the road has improved both transport infrastructure and livelihoods of the people in both provinces.

"It is another new achievement and a valuable gift from the governments of Cambodia and China to the people in Kampong Speu and Kandal in particular, and to the people across the country in general," he said. XINHUA ■

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THE post-pandemic economic recovery has seen recent growing interest among investors in Cambodia.

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New Ming Fai store showcasing 'total solutions provider for hotels'

MING FAI Enterprise (Cambodia) Co Ltd this year opened a new showroom in Phnom Penh, with the grand, spacious store showcasing a comprehensive range of hotel supplies, with hundreds of international brands on display.

Bringing its high-quality products into the retail market, the new showroom is part of Ming Fai Group's continued expansion of its Cambodian operations.

"We are here for the long haul, investing in Cambodia and its people as the nation grows."

"The Kingdom has a young workforce, and we want more Cambodians to join us," Ching Tsun-wah, vice-president and executive director of Ming Fai, previously told *The Post* of its commitment to Cambodia.

The leaders in world-class hotel and airline products was incorporated in the Kingdom as Ming Fai Enterprise (Cambodia) Co Ltd in January 2018.

Ching said the Kingdom was chosen as the first location outside China for the Hong Kong-listed provider of world-class, high-quality products and professional services after considerable study into

the Southeast Asia region.

"Having carried out extensive research into ASEAN countries, we decided to invest in Cambodia because it is stable, while the foreign exchange controls makes it easy for us to business here from Hong Kong and China."

"Cambodia's economy and development have great potential and will only continue to go up," he said.

The "total solutions provider for hotels" supplies clients with the full range of comprehensive hospitality total solutions, from design, R&D and procurement, to production and distribution.

With the production base and sales networks closely connected, the most convenient door-to-door services can be enjoyed from anywhere.

Ming Fai (Cambodia) has since its establishment in 2018 strictly adhered to the ideals of "innovation, pragmatism, efficiency, excellence and quality" promoted by the parent company – Ming Fai International Holdings Limited.

Supported by a spirit of creativity and innovation, with cutting-edge production technology, Ming Fai (Cambodia) specialises in the design, production and



The Ming Fai showroom in Phnom Penh offers a comprehensive range of hotel supplies. SUPPLIED

processing of various kinds of bags, socks, travel pouches, travel kits, personal care packages, slippers and non-woven craft products.

Ming Fai (Cambodia) benefits from the nearly the 40 years of experience in the design and R&D of travel bag sets, fashion handbags, travel pouches and personal care products of its parent company.

It also provides clients

with one-stop OEM (original equipment manufacturing), OBM (original brand manufacturing) and ODM (original design manufacturing) services for travel retail products.

The heart of Ming Fai Cambodia's operations in the Kingdom is its huge 17-block factory in Kampong Speu province.

Ming Fai designs and

produces a variety of trendy handbags, make-up bags, beach bags, eco-friendly bags and travel pouches in a range of materials, including nylon, PU, PVC, TPU and non-woven fabrics, with monthly production capacity exceeding 1.1 million.

For slipper manufacturing, it has set up multi-production lines that benefit from advanced Jacquard, printing

and embroidery machinery.

Monthly production capacity fully catering to the needs of clients can reach more than 1.5 million.

Ming Fai (Cambodia) is the first local manufacturer of hotel bathroom supplies, while it also produces a wide range of personal care retail products.

Through the international linkage between China and Cambodia, Ming Fai has become a leading transnational corporation in Southeast Asia.

With Phnom Penh as its strategic centre, Ming Fai Cambodia enjoys a strong logistics system that connects Sihanoukville, Siem Reap and the capital.

The Kampong Speu factory is located some 35km from Phnom Penh International Airport and 50km from the centre of the capital, while Sihanoukville Autonomous Port is 250km away.

With its integrated logistics and supply chain, state-of-the-art factory and first-rate showroom – all while offering retail travel, hospitality and air travel supplies, as well consultancy on opening and running hotels – Ming Fai Cambodia truly is the preferred destination for the sector. ■

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