

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAMBODIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
CONCERNING
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

The Council for the Development of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic,

Wishing to strengthen the ties of friendship and cooperation that unite both countries,

Desiring to continue development cooperation between the two countries in accordance with the objectives of economic and social development of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and

Taking into account the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic on Debt Resettlement of May 12, 2008 and the decision of the Government of the Czech Republic of June 11, 2016, to maintain the Kingdom of Cambodia among the priority countries after the year 2017,

Declare the following:

1. The Council for the Development of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic wish to carry out the programme of development cooperation in the period 2018-2023. The Czech-Cambodian development cooperation programme is detailed in the attachment no. 1 which represents an integral part of the present Memorandum.
2. The cooperation programme is based on Cambodian national development priorities identified by the Cambodia's strategic development document, the "Rectangular Strategy-Phase III" (following up on "Rectangular Strategies – Phases I and II"), as well as on the relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.
3. It takes into account the outcomes of the Czech programming mission to the Kingdom of Cambodia in October 2017.
4. It is based on partnership, efficiency, transparency and other internationally recognized principles of development cooperation as given by the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, Accra Agenda for Action and Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

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5. The Czech development programme is complementary to activities of other development partners. Aid harmonization is ensured through the involvement of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Phnom Penh in the EU Joint Programming in Cambodia.
6. The Council for the Development of Cambodia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Czech Development Agency are ready to cooperate efficiently in order to facilitate implementation of all planned projects with allocated budget in the particular fiscal year.
7. The Council for the Development of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic declare their common intent to concentrate development cooperation on the following priority areas:
 - Sustainable management of natural resources
 - Inclusive social development
8. The Council for the Development of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic intend to focus a substantial part of Czech-Cambodian development activities in the Kampong Chhnang Province.
9. The Czech-Cambodian development cooperation will be carried out mainly in the form of bilateral development projects. Government scholarships at Czech universities will be provided to students from the Kingdom of Cambodia, subject to the rules laid down by the respective decision of the Czech government.
10. The Czech Development Cooperation is mainly carried out through bilateral projects and programmes which are implemented by the Czech Development Agency. The Czech Development Agency is a governmental organization subordinated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.
11. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Czech Development Agency are ready to:
 - Identify and formulate project documents in cooperation with relevant partner organizations, including national and sub-national administrations in the Kingdom of Cambodia. The project documents including total budget estimate will be submitted to the Council for the Development of Cambodia.
 - Ensure project funding according to the approved project document. In accordance with the Czech legislation all spending within the Czech Development Cooperation is subject to a fiscal year (January – December).
 - Organize tenders in the Czech Republic and in the Kingdom of Cambodia for implementers of goods and services or provide grants to non-profit organizations according to its internal procedures and notify the Council for

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the Development of Cambodia of all selected suppliers. The Czech Development Agency signs contracts with selected suppliers.

- Monitor implementation of the contracted project activities jointly with Cambodian institutions.
- Commission evaluation of the projects implemented within this framework of cooperation. The evaluation reports will be provided to the Council for the Development of Cambodia and relevant sector ministries.

12. The Council for the Development of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic are ready to:

- Facilitate cooperation of Cambodian authorities at regional and provincial levels for all projects implemented within this framework;
- Facilitate cooperation on obtaining all relevant documents and permits (including but not limited to visas and work permits for the Czech Development Agency employees and international experts) that allow for the smooth implementation of the projects within this framework of cooperation.
- Arrange exemption from all taxes, custom duties and other mandatory payments and fees related to works, services as well as the import to the Kingdom of Cambodia of all equipment and materials supplied within the implementation of projects under the present programme.

13. The Council for the Development of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic are prepared to consult each other in respect of any matter that may arise from or in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding.

14. Two originals of the text of this Memorandum of Understanding, written in the English language, have been signed.

Done at Phnom Penh on **17** May 2018.

For and on behalf of the Ministry of
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