



## **AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY PHNOM PENH**

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### **AUSTRALIA AND CAMBODIA TO ESTABLISH SENIOR OFFICIALS' TALKS**

The Australian Government and the Royal Government of Cambodia yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish Senior Officials' Talks.

Australia and Cambodia have a longstanding bilateral relationship, spanning 65 years.

"Our bilateral relationship is underpinned by a shared commitment to our region, to working together where we can, and to creating opportunities for all Cambodians and Australians," Australian Ambassador Angela Corcoran said.

Senior Officials' Talks will provide a mechanism through which we can strengthen our dialogue across all areas.

"We look forward to exchanging views on our bilateral cooperation, including Australia's development program in Cambodia, two-way education ties, our defence cooperation program, as well as security and law enforcement engagement," the Ambassador said.

"We will also use the Senior Officials' Talks to discuss shared challenges, including transnational crime, irregular migration, and human rights," she said.

The first Senior Officials' Talks will be held in Cambodia in the coming months.

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