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AMBASSADOR TO JOIN PRIME MINISTER HUN SEN TO OPEN AUSTRALIAN-FUNDED RURAL ROAD PROJECT

The Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, HE Angela Corcoran, will make her first official visit to Tbong Khmum and Kampong Cham Provinces this week.

In Tbong Khmum, the Ambassador will take part in a ceremony on Wednesday hosted by Samdech Prime Minister Hun Sen to open the Rural Roads Improvement Project Phase II.

The Australian Government is providing US\$18.52 million to the project, which will rehabilitate 1,200km of rural roads in ten provinces across Cambodia.

This critical infrastructure project will improve access for Cambodians to markets, jobs and social services. It will improve road safety and support communities' resilience to climate change.

Communities in project locations will also receive training and support on reducing the risks associated with human trafficking and HIV/AIDS.

Australia is pleased to be working with implementing partners to help deliver this project, including the Asian Development Bank, the Korean Export-Import Bank, Agence Française de Développement, the Nordic Development Fund and the Government of Cambodia.

During her visit today to Kampong Cham, the Ambassador will meet with Governor HE Lorn Lim Thai to discuss Australia's support for the economic and social development of this province.

The Ambassador will also visit households in Kampong Cham that are being connected to piped, treated water, with the assistance of the Australian Civil Society WASH Fund.

Australia's aid program is contributing to better health outcomes in the province by supporting the construction of 11 health centres.

Our flagship Agricultural Value Chain Program, CAVAC II, is partnering with provincial officials to improve efficiency of the rice and cassava sectors.

Australia has also supported crime prevention and improved security in 35 communes across Kampong Cham through the Cambodia Community Justice Assistance Partnership.

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