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AMBASSADOR VISIT TO PREAH VIHEAR AND KAMPONG CHAM

Australian Ambassador Angela Corcoran will visit Preah Vihear and Kampong Cham from 10-12 July to see the positive difference Australia's development cooperation programs are making to Cambodian communities.

Ambassador Corcoran will visit the Preah Vihear Provincial Referral Hospital, which was built with the help of Australian aid funding, other donors and the World Bank. Australia also supported the construction of a health centre, an additional maternal delivery room, and a provincial health department pharmacy warehouse.

The Ambassador will also visit the border region and receive a briefing from a Royal Cambodian Armed Forces on Cambodia's joint efforts with Thailand to maintain peace and stability in the region.

In Kampong Cham, Ambassador Corcoran will visit a water treatment plant. With support from the Australian Government's *Investing in Infrastructure (3i) Program*, the plant is providing piped, treated water to Kampong Cham households.

"Australia is proud to be supporting the livelihoods of communities across Cambodia," the Ambassador said.

In Preah Vihear, Australia is supporting programs that are strengthening health outcomes, advocating the rights of people with disabilities, helping to end gender-based violence, and supporting agricultural cooperatives to boost economic opportunities.

In Kampong Cham, Australia is working with development partners to rehabilitate infrastructure following floods, improve roads, support radio programs to combat violence against women, and improve access to financial services.

"Australia's support in Preah Vihear and Kampong Cham is part of our deep and enduring commitment to supporting Cambodia's development, and strengthening our bilateral relationship," the Ambassador said.

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