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AUSTRALIA CELEBRATES DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

Last night, Australian Ambassador Justin Whyatt welcomed Guest of Honour Deputy Prime Minister Say Sam Ai and guests across government, civil society, the private sector and diplomatic community to the Embassy's Australia Day event.

Australia Day is an opportunity for Australians to celebrate achievements and reflect on our history and stories. That includes more than 60,000 years of First Nations history, extending to the modern, diverse society Australia is today.

It's also a time to connect with friends and make new ones.

Ambassador Whyatt said, "Australia and Cambodia are connected in many ways. Our partnership is cemented in our history, enriched by the deep connections between our people, and our cooperation is expanding to take on new challenges."

"Our relationship covers many areas. We engage across health, education, agriculture, economic development, energy and climate, social protection, defence and security, civil society, democracy and human rights," added Ambassador Whyatt.

"We are also pursuing common interests in the region through ASEAN."

This year ASEAN and Australia celebrate 50 years of dialogue partnership. Australia will welcome Prime Minister Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet and other leaders from ASEAN and Timor-Leste to the Special Summit in March to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-Australia relations.

As ASEAN's first dialogue partner and Comprehensive Strategic Partner, Australia is strongly committed to ASEAN centrality and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific. Australia sees ASEAN at the centre of a stable, peaceful, prosperous, and secure region.

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