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VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN NAVY SHIP HMAS PERTH

The Royal Australian Navy ship, HMAS PERTH, will be visiting the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia from 6 to 11 June 2015 as part of a regional goodwill tour. This visit reinforces the close links between Cambodia and Australia through the Australian Defence Cooperation Program and follows successful visits by Royal Australian Navy vessels in previous years, the last being HMAS WARRAMUNGA in November 2011.

While in Preah Sihanouk, Royal Australian Navy personnel will visit the Royal Cambodian Navy Base at Ream where they will tour the base and share experiences with their Cambodian counterparts. The Australian crew looks forward to the challenge of competing in a variety of sports against their Cambodian friends and visiting some of Cambodia's tourist destinations in the region before departure.

The Commanding Officer of HMAS PERTH, Captain Ivan Michael Ingham, AM, RAN will be paying courtesy calls on the Governor of Preah Sihanouk, His Excellency Chhit Sokhun, and the Commander of Ream Naval Base His Excellency Vice Admiral Ouk Seyha.

Photographs and further information on HMAS PERTH can be obtained at <http://www.navy.gov.au>

There will be a media briefing and photo opportunities in Preah Sihanouk on 6 June 2015. Media interested in attending these opportunities are requested to register interest with the point of contact identified below.

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History of Royal Australian Navy ship visits to Cambodia

S/N	Name	Month and Year
1	HMAS Norman and HMAS Gascoyne	May 2003
2	HMAS Dubbo and HMAS Geraldton	September 2004
3	HMAS Darwin	October 2004
4	HMAS Adelaide	August 2005
5	HMAS Toowoomba	April 2006
6	HMAS Adelaide	May 2007
7	HMAS Bathurst	April 2009
8	HMAS Darwin	September 2009
10	HMAS Parramatta	May 2011
11	HMAS Warramunga	November 2011