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AUSTRALIA TEAMS UP WITH CAMBODIAN UNIVERSITIES FOR WORLD HABITAT DAY

Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, His Excellency Pablo Kang, and Australian Embassy staff were pleased to participate in a joint tree-planting event with the Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University (SBU), Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC) and the Cambodian Ministry of Environment (MoE) for World Habitat Day on 5 October.

“My team and I were honoured to take part in the tree-planting event with the SBU, ITC, and MoE this morning,” said Ambassador Kang.

Ambassador Kang noted that the event brought together three priorities for the Australian Embassy in Cambodia.

“Australia is committed to strengthening educational links with Cambodia, engaging with Buddhist and other community groups here, and supporting local efforts to green Phnom Penh,” said Ambassador Kang. “This event enabled us to pursue all three objectives at once.”

World Habitat Day was established in 1985 and is a reminder that we all have a responsibility to promote sustainable urban development by considering and incorporating nature into our urban planning.

Australia supports the greening of Cambodia and provided funding for 150 trees and planting materials for the ITC campus.

Ambassador Kang thanked SBU Rector His Eminence Khy Sovanratana for proposing and supporting the initiative, ITC Director-General Dr Om Romny for hosting the tree planting and His Excellency So Soengha for representing Environment Minister His Excellency Say Samal at the event.

“While it can sometimes be challenging to find conservation opportunities in large urban centres like Phnom Penh, His Eminence has reminded us that tree planting is a practical step we can all take,” said Ambassador Kang.

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His Excellency So Soengha and Ambassador Pablo Kang are planting a tree