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AMBASSADOR TO TRAVEL TO PRAEH SIHANOUK PROVINCE

The Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, Her Excellency Angela Corcoran, will make an official visit to Preah Sihanouk Province this week.

The visit will focus on Australia's cooperation with Cambodia to address shared maritime and border security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

Ambassador Corcoran will visit the Royal Cambodian Naval Base at Ream where she will call on the Commander of Ream Naval Base, His Excellency Vice Admiral Ouk Seyha and the Commander of the National Committee for Maritime Security Forward Headquarters, His Excellency Vice Admiral Tea Sokha.

The Ambassador will inspect the Naval Base facilities and training programs that are supported by the Australia's Defence Cooperation Program.

On Friday 19 May, the Ambassador will attend the opening ceremony of the Port of Sihanoukville's Container Control Unit. The Governments of Australia and Canada have co-funded the establishment of the Container Control Unit through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and World Customs Organization's Container Control Programme.

The facilities and training provided through the Container Control Programme will assist the Royal Government of Cambodia to reduce the incidence of transnational crime and play a role in enhancing border security in the Indo-Pacific region.

While in Sihanoukville, Ambassador Corcoran will also meet with stakeholders involved in the upcoming Commune-Sangkat elections to hear how preparations for the 4 June poll are progressing.

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