

# Govt officials visit border troops, provide support during KNY

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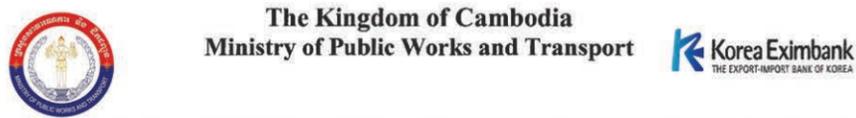
Senior government officials from relevant ministries and institutions visited and provided food to troops stationed along Cambodia's borders

with Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam during the Khmer New Year festival to show their appreciation and offer additional support.

During a meeting and gift-giving ceremony for soldiers stationed along the Cambodian-Thai border, General Tea Seiha, Deputy Prime



Keo Pong, personal assistant to Senate President Hun Sen, speaks during a visit to deliver gifts to the soldiers. Brigade No. 128



## Invitation for Bids (IFB)

**Issuing date of the IFB** : 09. 04. 2025  
**Name of Country** : The Kingdom of Cambodia  
**Name of Project** : Green Siem Reap Urban Bypass Road Project  
**Brief Description of Works** : Construction of Green Siem Reap Urban Bypass Road (46.55km)  
**Loan No.** : EDCF Loan No. KHM-28

- The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia has received a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of US\$72,817,000 (Seventy-Two Million Eight Hundred Seventeen Thousand US Dollars) toward the cost of the Green Siem Reap Urban Bypass Road Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for construction of Green Siem Reap Bypass road (46.55km), CB No.: CW-SRB-KHM-28-2025.
- The Project Executing Agency, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Construction of 2-lane asphalt concrete pavement road for 46.55km in length with 3 roundabouts, 4 intersections, 4 bridges, 29 box culverts, 96 pipe culverts from Bakong District to Puok District in Siem Reap Province.
- Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria. Eligible bidders shall be nationals of the Republic of Korea or juridical person incorporated and registered therein.
  - Minimum average annual construction turnover of US\$50 million within the last three (3) years ( 2021, 2022 and 2023).
  - Experience in road construction and/or improvement and/or rehabilitation project in at least two (2) contracts as contractor, Joint Venture partner, management contractor, subcontractor within the last five (5) years\*, each with a value of at least US\$50 million that have been successfully completed.

\*Last 5 years = 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Public Works and Transport and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of US \$500.00 by cash. The method of payment will be in cash or direct deposit to a specified bank and account number. The documents will be available to pick up only at the office stipulated in BDS during the working hours (8:00-12:00 & 14:00-17:00) from Monday to Friday except public holidays.
  - Bank Name: National Bank of Cambodia
  - Bank Address: #88 Street 102 Corner Street 19, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
  - Account Name: USD C/A of GDNT
  - Account Number: 000000013535
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **26. 05. 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of US Dollars One Million Five Hundred Thousand (US\$1,500,000). Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 10:15 a.m. on the same day.
- The Ministry of Public Works and Transport will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT)  
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 St. 598, Sangkat Chrang Chamres 2,  
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Minister and Minister of National Defence, said that the government is always attentive to the well-being and livelihood of soldiers and their families, regardless of the circumstances.

He praised the soldiers for their sacrifices in protecting the nation, religion, the King, territorial integrity, and maintaining peace and order for the people.

Keo Pong, personal assistant to Senate President Hun Sen, visited soldiers stationed at the Cambodia-Laos border in Siem Pang district, Stung Treng province earlier this week.

He stated that the Cambodian army has steadfastly defended the territory by following orders from the Head of Government, the Ministry of National Defence, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.

Pong noted that the army plays a key role in combatting various crimes, including drug offences, illegal border crossings, and maintaining security along the borders with neighboring countries.

National Police Chief General Sar Thet, during his visit to the Border Protection Police

Force in Region 5 of Banteay Meanchey province earlier this week, instructed the force to strengthen cooperation with relevant units and exchange information to prevent and address crimes in a timely manner.

Seun Sam, a policy analyst at the Royal Academy of Cambodia, praised the activities of government officials visiting and providing gifts to border forces, calling them important actions that should be implemented nationwide.

He noted that while Cambodians often travel to visit relatives during the Khmer New Year, the border forces remain responsible for protecting the nation, and such gestures of appreciation are crucial.

Sam also emphasised the importance of financial support for soldiers and their families, noting that providing sufficient funds and regular support enables soldiers to care for their families.

Pa Chanroeun, President of the Cambodian Institute for Democracy, also underscored the importance of direct visits by leaders to the border areas, which are often remote and not frequently visited. ■

## Oxcart race preserves cultural heritage

Khmer Times Staff

AUTHORITIES in Kampong Speu province held an oxcart race on Monday to preserve the cultural heritage of the province.

Provincial Governor Cheam Chansophorn participated in the event, which took place in Snor Village 2, Rokar Thom commune, Chbar Morn City, Kampong Speu province.

Sun Meanchey, Director of the Department of Culture and Fine Arts of Kampong Speu province, said that the ceremony was held to preserve, promote, and further develop the oxcart racing tradition passed down by Khmer ancestors.

He added that Kampong Speu province organises this race every year, with cattle owners and enthusiasts from other provinces also taking part.

The oxcart race event always brings smiles to the public, showcasing Khmer traditions that have existed since ancient times. This year, a total of 67 oxcarts from various provinces

participated in the competition, including 44 large oxcarts and 23 small oxcarts.

Chansophorn noted that oxcarts were originally used only for transporting dowries at weddings and for carrying elders during traditional festivals. Over time, villagers initiated oxcart races in villages, communities, and even towns to celebrate the traditional New Year.

Chansophorn also encouraged the race committee to increase the number of oxcarts to hundreds and make them larger than in previous years, aiming to attract the attention of local people, national and international visitors, as well as the younger generation.

He noted that in the future, invitations would likely come from capital and provincial leaders. He also urged oxcart owners to decorate their bulls or carts with unique art to make them more attractive. The oxcart or bull receiving the most attention would receive additional support from the race organising committee. ■