"Lightning is causing the farmers in the remote areas concern and making them scared of leaving home to monitor their farms at night and when there are storms," he said

He added that, since January, lightning has killed 70 people and seriously injured 50 farmers. KHOUTH SOPHAK CHAKRYA

drivers plummeted about 20 per cent from July through September of last year, according to a new study, during a year in which serious injuries from accidents were on the rise.

The findings were part of a larger effort over the past four years by the US-based Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit, which focused on researching helmet use and drunk driving. With the help of Handicap International, research teams observed motorists at various locations in Phnom Penh and four provinces, doing fresh monitoring every two months.



Motorist without helmets wait for the lights to change in Phnom Penh this year. He dropped approximately 20 per cent from July to September in 2013. VIREAK MAI

"Where enforcement has been reduced, the number of people wearing helmets" has also gone down, said Joe Weber of UK-based Consumers International.

Weber, speaking yesterday at the Cambodiana Hotel during a media briefing on the amended Traffic Law, said the figures "indicate the importance of the enforcement work that has been undertaken".

The study also shows that many drunk drivers received a pass as enforcement was "strongly impacted due to elections", and it recorded abysmally low rates of helmet use among passengers.

Ear Chariya, an independent road safety expert who worked Handicap International when the study was being conducted, said there is probably a "link" between the invisible

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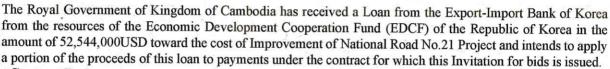
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INVITATION FOR BIDS



- Contract Package:

| | Contract Name | Funds Resource |
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| Package CW-NR21, Improvement of National Road No.21 Project | | Loan agreement No. KHM-12 between the Royal Government of Kingdom of Cambodia and EDCF |

- Employer : Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT).

- Address : 3rd Floor Eastern Building, Corner Norodom Blvd/St. 106, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

- Name of the Project:

Improvement of National Road No.21 Project, EDCF Loan KHM-12.

- Procurement Mode:

Competitive Bidding following the EDCF Procurement Guidelines.

- Time for Bidding Documents Issuance:

From 9:00 am to 17:00 pm (working time) in period September 12, 2014 - October 29, 2014.

- Location for Issuance of the Bidding Documents:

Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) as the above mentioned address.

- Cost for Obtaining 01 Set of the Bidding Documents:

Nonrefundable fee of USD 500 USD (Five hundred USD) by Cash

- Location for Receiving the Bidding Documents:

Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) as the above mentioned address after submission of a written application to the address.

- Bids Submission deadline Date:

10:00 am, October 30, 2014.

- The Bids Opening Date:

10:30 am, October 30, 2014 at Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) as the above mentioned address.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) as the above mentioned address and below contact.

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