

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## Press Release

In the article entitled "Migrant worker protections lacking, reports find" published in the Phnom Penh Post on 25 July 2017, the reporter has quoted the Mekong Migration Network's (MMN) report as saying "[Migrants] reported to MMN that when they have approached embassies for help, they were not given assistance."

In this regard, the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation wishes to clarify as follows:

- At the instruction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Cambodian Embassies/Consulate-Generals have provided all necessary assistance to the Cambodian citizens/workers in their countries of residence and considered it one among their priorities despite facing many difficulties.
- 2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has usually informed the public and the media about many concrete cases of the assistance provided by the Cambodian Missions abroad to the Cambodian citizens/workers. The Ministry has recently made known the fruitful results of the efforts carried out by the Ministry and the Cambodian Missions during the first semester of 2017.
- Therefore, the allegation "when they [Cambodian workers] have approached embassies for help, they were not given assistance", as a matter of fact, has no ground to stand on.

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