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**PRESS RELEASE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA**

**UPDATING ON CURRENT HEALTH STATUS OF PASSENGERS ON BOARD
HOLLAND AMERICA'S MS WESTERDAM IN PHNOM PENH
MUNICIPALITY AND PRAEH SIHANOUK PROVINCE, CAMBODIA**

Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Cambodia would like to update the current general health status of the passengers on board Holland America's MS Westerdam as of 19th February 2020, 08:00am as below:

- Analysis of specimens collected from 781 passengers on board the MS Westerdam cruise ship in Phnom Penh and Preah Sihanouk Province done by the Institute Pasteur in Cambodia shown all negative result of the new coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Health screening indicated no signs/ symptoms of the above passengers' health related concerns and they are in normal health condition without fever.
- Up to 19th February 2020, it is 19 days from the date that MS Westerdam disembarked Hong Kong.

The health screening operation performed by the Ministry of Health of Cambodia has been conducted in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US-CDC), Institute Pasteur in Cambodia (IPC), concerned embassies and other relevant institutions/ authorities.

Based on the above results, Ministry of Health and Preah Sihanouk Provincial Health Department are working with relevant national and international institutions in order to facilitate the remaining passengers in Cambodia, so they are able to continue their journey back home as soon as possible to meet their family, and to get back to their daily work and life.

Ministry of Health deeply appreciates the hard work of all leaders, health officials and personnel, and doctors, as well as related institutions and authorities in Phnom Penh and Preah Sihanouk Province in health screening operation, facilitation and coordination to assist all passengers on board the MS Westerdam ship. The Ministry of Health is continuing close collaboration with all national and international authorities until this health screening operation is completed.

Ministry of Health keeps on updating to public regarding the general health status of population through MOH's Facebook page and www.cdcmoh.gov.kh in which health educational materials can also be downloaded.

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