Announcement

The Ministry of Health of Cambodia together with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Cambodia would like to inform the public that on evening of 2 March 2021, 324,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine licensed to the Serum Institute of India (SII) known as COVISHIELD, will arrive at the Phnom Penh International Airport.

With the high attention and authorization from **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia**, His Excellency Professor Mam Bunheng, Minister of Health representing the Royal Government of Cambodia will attend the hand-over ceremony taking place at the Phnom Penh International airport at the time of vaccines' arrival, joined by Dr. Li Ailan, representative of WHO and Ms. Foroogh Foyouzat, representative of UNICEF. Other senior officials from the Ministry of Health, WHO and UNICEF will attend the ceremony also.

The arriving doses above are the first consignment provided to Cambodia by the COVAX Facility. Further batches will arrive throughout the year 2021. The COVAX Facility is an unprecedented global effort to provide every country in the world with equitable access to safe COVID-19 vaccines as rapidly as possible. COVAX Facility is led by GAVI, CEPI and the World Health Organization (WHO) in partnership with UNICEF. Cambodia is among the first countries in the Western Pacific Region to receive vaccines from COVAX Facility.

Date and Time: 2 March 2021, expected arrival time at 19:50pm

Place: Phnom Penh International Airport

Please note that strict public health measures to prevent COVID -19 transmission will be followed during the ceremony.

Date: 28 February 2021

Secretary of State and Spokesperson

Ministry of Health of Cambodia

Dr. Or Vandine