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Photo Exhibition Celebrating 65 Years of Cambodia–Cuba Diplomatic Relations

Phnom Penh, April 21, 2026 -The General Department of Agence Kampuchea Presse (AKP) of the Ministry of Information, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba to the Kingdom of Cambodia, today organized a photo exhibition at Chaktomuk Mongkul Hall to commemorate the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Republic of Cuba (1960–2025).

The event was held under the high presidency of **H.E. Mr. Neth Pheaktra**, Minister for Information, and **H.E. Mrs. Milena Caridad Zaldívar Piedra**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cuba to Cambodia, with the participation from the National Assembly, Ministries-Institutions, diplomatic corps, relevant national and international institutions, with a total of 200 distinguished guests.

Featuring 31 curated photographs, the exhibition highlights key moments and achievements reflecting more than six decades of enduring friendship and cooperation between the two countries. Cambodia and Cuba have cultivated strong ties grounded in mutual respect, solidarity, and collaboration across sectors including health, education, diplomacy, culture, sports, and information.

In his remarks, **H.E. Mr. Neth Pheaktra** underscored the historical significance of the establishment of diplomatic relations on April 15, 1960, under the leadership of **Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk** and **H.E. Fidel Castro**. He expressed appreciation for Cuba's longstanding support to Cambodia, particularly in the fields of healthcare and human resource development, which contributed meaningfully to the country's reconstruction and progress.

The Minister stated ***"The photographs displayed in this exhibition reflect the history and achievements stemming from the close relations between our two countries."*** In the context of bilateral cooperation, the Minister also underlined a strong relation between Cambodia and Cuba in media sector, mainly in exchanging information, promoting both cultures and enhancing technical capacity of journalists. With this cooperation, the Minister emphasized ***"a strong commitment of the Ministry of Information in effectively strengthening the on-going relationship with Cuba for the benefits of people in both countries, particularly in combating***

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cross-border fake news in digital technology advancement and Artificial Intelligence (AI)."

H.E. Mrs. Milena Caridad Zaldívar Piedra reaffirmed the strong and traditional bonds between Cuba and Cambodia, noting that bilateral relations continue to be guided by shared principles, mutual understanding, and a common commitment to peace and international law. Ambassador noted that stated: ***"For more than 65 years, Cuba and the Kingdom of Cambodia have strengthened special and traditional relations based on solid shared principles, mutual respect and understanding, as well as the defense of peace and just causes within the framework of international law."***

The Ambassador further noted that iconic moments of these close ties have been captured in the photographs of the exhibition organized by the Ministry of Information of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Embassy of Cuba—a legacy of historic friendship and solidarity for present and future generations of Cubans and Cambodians.

The exhibition stands as both a tribute to the historic friendship between the two nations and a reaffirmation of their shared commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations for the benefit of their peoples. *CHP*



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