



## *Press Release*

# **Cambodia-Korea National Police Agree to Further Strengthen Cooperation Against Transnational Crimes**

- Expanding the operational scope of the "Cambodia-Korea Joint Task Force for Korean Citizens" to include drug-related offences and illegal gambling.
- Sharing experiences between the Korean National Police and the Cambodian National Police to strengthen the protection of Korean citizens in the Kingdom of Cambodia and improve responses to transnational crimes.

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The Korean National Police Agency (KNPA), led by Acting Commissioner General YOO Jae Seong, held a Korea-Cambodia National Police Summit with the Cambodian National Police (CNP), led by Commissioner General Sar Theth, on 29 April to explore strategic approaches to further strengthen cooperation between the two countries' police forces.

The leaders of both police forces expressed a shared view that transnational crime networks, including groups operating online scam compounds, pose a serious threat worldwide. They reaffirmed their commitment to close cooperation and solidarity among police forces as vital to ensuring citizen safety and building regional public security.

While highly valuing the achievements of the Cambodia-Korea Joint Task Force for Koreans (CKJTFK), both national police chiefs agreed to expand the CKJTFK's operational scope. Following the leaders of both police forces' agreement at the summit last October to establish this joint task force, Korean police officers have been

working alongside Cambodian officers since December to combat online scams and related crimes targeting Korean nationals.

**CKJTfK's outstanding performance has led to expanded cooperation, laying the foundation for protecting Korean citizens in the Kingdom of Cambodia**

During four months of active operations (from December last year to March this year), the CKJTfK successfully arrested 166 major criminals, including Korean fugitives hiding in Cambodia, and rescued five Korean nationals from confinement, demonstrating the effectiveness of the task force's international cooperation in safeguarding Korean citizens in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Based on these exceptional results, the leaders of both police forces reaffirmed their commitment to eliminating transnational crime by agreeing to expand CKJTfK's cooperation. Previously limited to online scam-related crimes, the scope will now include drug-related offences and illegal gambling. This expansion is considered a proactive measure likely to facilitate real-time information sharing and joint investigative operations, in accordance with the laws and regulations of each country, to respond to criminal syndicates expanding their strategic hubs in Southeast Asia.

**KNPA and CNP are leading the Response to Regional Transnational Crimes through the "K-Policing" ODA Project**

Furthermore, KNPA is committed to strengthening the Cambodian police's capacity by sharing its advanced policing systems and investigative techniques through its ODA projects. Specifically, in collaboration with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), KNPA will continue an ODA project valued at 18 billion won for the Ministry of Interior to strengthen Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) and forensic science capabilities. A portion of this funding will be allocated to the CNP to help enhance its capacity to respond to increasingly complex transnational crimes.

These cooperation projects are expected to help strengthen the safety of citizens of both countries and further reinforce the essential police partnership in responding to transnational crimes.

Mr. PARK Jun Sung, Acting Director General of the KNPA's International Cooperation Bureau, stated: "This police summit serves as a testament to a significant turning point, reaffirming the steadfast trust between our two police agencies and creating a united frontline against increasingly complex transnational crimes." He added, "Through the strategic management of CKJTfK and by enhancing the quality of Policing ODA projects, we will ensure the thorough protection of our citizens from various crimes and play a leading role in safeguarding security across Asia."