

International Red Cross-Red Crescent Day: Over US\$8.5 Million Collected

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More than US\$8.5 million were collected at the meeting to commemorate the 148th Anniversary of the International Red Cross-Red Crescent Day held here on May 3 at Cambodian Red Cross (CRC)'s headquarters, according to the preliminary figure.

Last year, only over US\$7 million were collected.

The event is celebrated annually to mobilize funds from national and foreign donors to support CRC's humanitarian activities.

On the occasion, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, who presided over the meeting, said more and more contribution from local and foreign charitable people clearly shows the "Culture of Sharing", which starts from trust, said the Cambodian premier, adding that this contribution can be explained by CRC's transparent and efficient use of financial resources.

He expressed his strong belief that under the wise leadership of Lok Chumteav Bun Rany Hun Sen, CRC President, CRC will double its efforts in strengthening and developing its institution to be more comprehensive and gain more support from the national and international institutions, development partners, national and international donors.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen further praised the CRC for its achievements in the past year and for its assistance to the victims of disasters and recently to the frontline soldiers and war refugees.

"Taking this opportunity, I would like to sincerely praise H.E. Dr. Bun Rany and wives of other members of the Royal Government who always pay visit to our armed forces, especially remote and island-based armed units to provide relief assistance to our soldiers and their families and to ignite their patriotism to protect national sovereignty. In particular, the management, all levels of officials, and volunteers of the Cambodia Red Cross have recently paid visit to and provided aids to frontline soldiers and war refugees," he said.

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“I strongly believe that Cambodian Red Cross, which is a strongly leading National Association Organization in humanitarian acts will continue to play role as a significant agency of the Royal Government on humanitarian sector in order to help solve issues for the interest of the nation, people as well as upgrading the dignity, virtue, value of humankind and participate in the process of poverty reduction of our people,” he added.

Premier Techo Hun Sen also reaffirmed the government’s continued support to all CRC’s endless humanitarian activities to rescue victims and fulfill other humanitarian activities. AKP
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