

## **PM Inaugurates Kamchay Hydropower Plant**

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The 193.2 MW-Kamchay Hydropower Plant which is located in Kampot province, about 148 kilometers southwest of Phnom Penh capital city, was inaugurated this morning under the presidency of Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen.

“This achievement is another evidence of our contribution to socio-economic development and improvement of people’s livelihoods,” Samdech Techo Hun Sen said at the inauguration ceremony.

The royal government believes that these power sources are catalysts with great potential for reviving the economic dynamics and ensuring growth sustainability and social welfare, he said.

“We believe that the Kamchay hydropower plant will be a great boost of our power supply capacity to serve the needs of our socio-economic activities,” he stressed.

According to the premier, Cambodia, in particular, has the maximum potential of 10,000 MW of hydropower, adding to the existence of oil, gas, coals, and renewable energy sources such as biomass energy sources, solar energy and small-scale hydropower plant.

“In this sense, to harness natural resources and current technologies, we are also accelerating the feasibility study on the use of these highly potential sources of energy for providing additional electricity supply to ensure supply adequacy in the future,” he said.

However, we believe that hydropower is a priority among other sources of energy that must receive the royal government’s attention because it substitutes the construction of fossil fuel power stations. We have been aware that, in spite of progress in the construction of domestic hydropower plants and import of electricity from neighboring countries such as Thailand and Vietnam, we also need to build coal-fired power stations to ensure stability of electricity supply during both seasons, because of water shortage during dry season, he added.

The Kamchay Hydropower Plant, the first major hydropower plant in the country, is invested by

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Sino-Hydro Corporation from the People's Republic of China in the form of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT), with the amount of US\$280.54 million investment.