

Russian TU-240 Plane Lands for the First Time in Siem Reap Province

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A TU-204 plane of Russian Vladivostok Airways landed for the first time in Siem Reap International Airport on Dec. 30, carrying 138 Japanese passengers from Tokyo.

It is the first time for Russia's Vladivostok Air to test its direct flight to the location of the world class tourism destination, ancient Angkor Wat Temple of Cambodia and also to be arranged to coincide with New Year's Day.

The opening of the flight was made under an agreement on cooperation between the two countries to boost tourism industry, said an official of Provincial Tourism Department of Siem Reap.

Tourism Minister H.E. Thong Khon hoped that the Russian flight company will launch its direct flight from Moscow to Siem Reap-Angkor in the near future.

In the past, Russian tourists to Cambodia were from Thailand through Poipet international border check-point and from Vietnam by air, said the official.

He said he was proud of seeing Russian side eyeing on the development of tourism industry in the country.

Tourism is a rapidly growing industry in Cambodia, and one of the four pillars of the economy along with agriculture, construction and garment manufacturing.