

Clean City Day set for Feb 27

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THE Ministry of Tourism's National Committee for Clean City Evaluation has requested capital and provincial governors to prepare to raise public awareness to celebrate the ninth Clean City Day with the theme "New Habits for a Clean City" on February 27.

The ministry also encouraged all provincial governors to continue the "Clear out plastic bags to clean Cambodia" campaign.

In a notice dated February 1, the ministry said that in order to successfully celebrate the ninth Clean City Day with full participation from everyone, the National Committee for Clean City Evaluation requested governors to organise two programmes.

The first programme is to raise awareness of environmental sanitation and the importance of having a clean city, and the other is the clean-up programme itself.

The ministry instructed officials in charge of the programmes to use all means at their disposal to spread information about the ninth Clean City day this year and encourage public participation.

Nguon Ratanak, the provincial governor of Battambang which has won the prize of three stalks of Romduol Flower two years in a row now, told *The Post* that he had assigned the director of the Department



Workers hose down Monivong Blvd in Phnom Penh's Boeung Keng Kang district last month. HENG CHIVAN

of Tourism to raise awareness of the National Clean City programme this year.

He said that he regarded environmental sanitation and the clean city programme as very useful to society and appealed to all Cambodians to take care of the environment.

"The tourism ministry initiated this programme and it is very useful to our country, but participation remains limited. So, we ask that all people participate in learning about and helping to make our city clean. The benefits of a Clean City are huge and they have a big influence on the economy in areas such as attracting tourists," he said.

He also added that Battam-

bang residents' awareness of placing rubbish in bins and taking care of the environment is much better than in previous years.

"Through these efforts, residents have learnt more about disposing of rubbish in an orderly manner. Previously, they had just dumped much of it wherever," Ratanak said.

Creal Cambodia founder Hour Chhai Ngorn lauded organisation of the Clean City Day programme but requested the ministry to consider cooperating with environmentalist youth and include their input in its policies.

"The programme to clean up the environment sponsored by the state should include

the voices of environmentalist youth because their participation is important.

"Policymakers at the national level will determine the guiding principles, but local groups such as youth environmental activist organisations are the ones who carry out the real work," he said.

"Three years ago, we educated many people carrying out this clean-up work directly. This year, we organised a programme to clean the environment gradually over a full year. It is a big project. At least 10 million people will receive information about it," he said.

Chhai Ngorn continued that the education programme had three categories. The first is direct education about cleaning up the environment, the second is indirect education on social media through short stories and the third is education in schools.

He said that if you educate children about the environment at school, they will often go home and educate their parents in turn.

The tourism ministry instructed all governors to put up banners along the streets celebrating National Clean City Day with environmental education messages in leaflets to be handed out to the public.

Authorities must also prepare baskets, bags, dustbins, gloves and other materials for volunteers to use to help clean up the city that day. ■

Ministry opens system for tourist registration

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THE Ministry of Tourism has instructed associations involved with the tourism industry, tour operators and all stakeholders to use the Telegram BOT tourist registration system for tourism services across the country to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

The tourism ministry's circular, dated January 22 and obtained by *The Post* on February 22, states that Ministry of Health guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19 require all businesses to facilitate contact tracing of those who have direct or indirect exposure to a Covid-19 patient.

"All tourism service businesses nationwide are obligated to use the Telegram BOT tourist registration system that has been established by the ministry. They also must cooperate with to promote its use among their members," the circular stated.

The tourism ministry's circular confirmed that all tourism service businesses in the Kingdom must display a Telegram BOT tourist registration system sticker at the entrance of their business or someplace where it is easy for tourists to access.

Municipal-Provincial Departments of Tourism also have a duty to cooperate with the other departments of their municipal-provincial administrations to promote and monitor the implementation of this system in their areas of responsibility.

"Municipal-provincial tourism departments and associations in the tourism industry must make ongoing reports regarding implementation of this system within the tourism sector to the ministry no later than the second week of each month," the circular said.

Let's Go Travel Managing Director Noch Sophuong said the tourism ministry's guidance was a good way to facilitate the collection of tourist data. But she noted that the ministry's announcement was not yet widely known about. Some travel agents remained unaware of these instructions.

"I have requested that the ministry make this information widespread by posting it on social media with instructions in a timely manner. If someone doesn't regularly check the ministry's website, they won't know this information," said Sophuong.

However, Ministry of Tourism spokesman Top Sopheak said that the use of the new system was not difficult as one just accesses the Telegram app and joins the group.

"You just log in to Telegram and type the words "MOT customer information", then click on "Join", the same as when we join a public group. The ministry has already conducted an introductory workshop once already, and recently the ministry posted on Facebook about how to use this system too," said Sopheak. ■

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

February 23, 2021

Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

Improvement of Siem Reap River Phase II Project

EDCF LOAN No. KHM-18

1. The Royal Government of Cambodia has received a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of USD13,303,000 (US Dollars Thirteen Million Three hundred and Three thousand) toward the cost of Improvement of Siem Reap River Phase II Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this Invitation for bids is issued.

2. The Project Executing Agency, The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Improvement of Siem Reap River Phase II.

The Works, to be carried out generally comprise the following:

- (i) River Bank & Bank-Protection: Embankment: V = 41,313 cu.m and Bank-protection: A = 87,322 sq.m
 - (ii) Dredging: Excavation: V = 564,138 cu.m
 - (iii) Pavement: Concrete Pavement: L = 4.533 km, A = 29,394m²
 - (iv) Pipe Works: Irrigation Pipe: 7EA
 - (v) Pipe Works: Drain Pipe: L = 2.3km
 - (vi) Bridge: RC Beam: 3 places
 - (vii) Weir: Concrete Dam: 1EA
3. Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria.
- (i) Nationality of Republic of Korea or juridical person incorporation and registered therein;
 - (ii) Specific experience in construction: Completed at least three [3] similar contract (Construction of (1) River Bank & Bank-Protection: at least 20,000 cu.m of Embankment and 43,000 sq.m of Bank Protection, (2) Dredging: minimum 280,000 cu.m, (3) Concrete Pavement at least 15,000 sq.m, (4) Drainage (RC Pipe culvert): at least 1,000 m and (5) RC Beam Bridge: at least 1 EA) within the last five [5] years each with a value of at least USD12,000,000.
 - (iii) A minimum average construction turnover of US\$15,704,000 within the last three [3] years [2017, 2018, 2019].
 - (iv) Requirement of cash flow shall be US\$1,963,000.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 9:00 to 17:00 hours.
5. A complete set bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders or by an agent residing in Cambodia (with a letter of authorization) upon-submission of a written application to the address given in Item 7 and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of US\$500 by cash.-The document will be available to pick up only at the office stipulated in BDS during the working hours (8:00-12:00 & 14:00-17:00) from

Monday to Friday except public holidays.

Alternatively, any interested eligible firm with written application can purchase a complete set of bidding document in electronic file (e.g. PDF format documents), upon payment of nonrefundable fee of US\$500 to the following Project Execution Agency's bank account:

- Bank Name: National Bank of Cambodia
- Bank Address: 22-24, Preh Norodom Blvd. Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- Account Name: MPWT: Siem Reap River Improvement 2
- Account No: 000000016941
- SWIFT Code: NCAMKHPP.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00am, April 23, 2021.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of USD200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand US Dollar). Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 10:30 am the same day.

For bid submission, original documents shall be submitted. The bidders can submit their respective bids by air mail/courier service as far as they are delivered to the Project Executive Agency (PEA) office in time before the deadline specified above.

It shall be noted that all the bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, and any late or unsealed bids are subject to rejection. The bidders who sent their bids by air mail/courier service shall submit the receipt of courier and/or its tracking number to Project Executing Agency (PEA) in advance, however, PEA is not responsible for any damages or losses occurred in transit.

For transparency of the bid opening process, it is preferred that all the bidder's representatives directly attend the bid opening. However, physical presence at the bid opening is not compulsory. The bidder who cannot directly attend the bid opening can propose to attend through video conference by confirming PEA at least one week ahead. PEA will not be responsible for any interruptions or any system errors during online bid opening process.

In case the bidder cannot attend the bid opening in any way, the bidder shall submit a letter to PEA before the bid opening, stating that it will accept the result notwithstanding the absence of its representative to the bid opening.

7. The Ministry of Public Works and Transport will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

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