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## Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway begins construction today

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A new expressway, that will link the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh with Vietnam, begins construction today



The Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway is the second expressway in Cambodia after the Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville Expressway, which was officially launched in 2022.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway will be presided over by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Wang Vinthean.

In addition to the groundbreaking ceremony for the Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway, it is also linked to the opening of a bridge across the Mekong River and a bridge junction.

Senior Minister Sun Chanthol, Minister of Public Works and Transport, highlighted that the groundbreaking ceremony was a testament to Cambodia's progress in road infrastructure development.

The Minister said that this expressway is another new achievement among many important national achievements across the country

Senior Minister Sun Chanthol said that the Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway will have a total length of 135.10 km, starting from Thmor Kor commune, Lvea Em district, Kandal province to Chrakmtes commune. Bavet City, Svay Rieng Province.

This road has a 4.1 km long road passing through Kandal province, 70.9 km long Prey Veng province and 60.1 km long Svay Rieng province.

This project will implement the following construction technical work:

- \* 10 cm thick AC concrete and 12 cm wide ATB concrete, 24.5 m wide, 4 lanes for traffic (2 lanes to 2 lanes), each lane 3.75 meters wide, Khoeun Suon divides traffic in the middle of the road, 3 meters wide, 2.5 meters wide concrete pavement and red gravel sidewalk 0.75 meters wide on both sides.
- \* Constructed 26 main and medium bridges with a total length of 2,266 meters, 16 small bridges with a total length of 256 meters and installed all kinds of sewers in 197 places.
- \* Construction of 5 interchange roads, 204 large and small tunnels.
- \* Construction of 2 service areas, 1 parking area, 3 maintenance centers and 6 payment booths.
- \* Equipped road equipment including traffic signs, lights, markers, milestones and safety barriers according to the technical standards of

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the expressway.

\* This expressway allows all types of vehicles to drive at speeds of up to 100 and 120 km / h.

\* This project will include the construction of cross-border infrastructure, with the Royal Government in charge of land acquisition for the site and the construction of cross-border infrastructure.

Along with the construction of the Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway, the Royal Government has also decided to build a bridge across the Mekong River, which connects Dei Edth Commune, Kien Svay District (from the Third Ring Road) to Thmor Kor Commune. Lvea Em district and connected to the Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway.

The bridge is a concrete bridge with a length of 1,600 meters, a width of 26 meters, and a road connecting both sides of the bridge with a length of 2,100 meters and a width of 26 meters, 1 Interchange and 2 Underpass Roads.

Regarding the construction cost project, Senior Minister Sun Chanthol said that the Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway is planned to cost a total investment of about 1.35 billion US dollars under the form of construction investment – Transaction-Transfer (BOT) for a period of 50 years, of which 20% is invested by China Bridge and Road Corporation and 80% is company loan.

Separately, the bridge across the Mekong River is planned to cost a total of 232.58 million US dollars, which is the investment budget of the Royal Government, along with the contribution for the clearance of landmines, unexploded ordnance and other taxes.

Both projects will be built by the China Bridge and Road Corporation (CRBC), with a construction period of 48 months and scheduled for completion in 2027.

Senior Minister Sun Chanthol highlighted that the Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway is a potential economic line of Cambodia connecting Phnom Penh to Bavet, passing through Kandal, Prey Veng and Svay Rieng provinces.

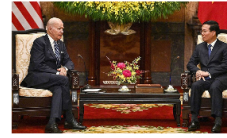
This expressway will help boost investment, trade and tourism in Phnom Penh and Thmey Arey Ksat of Kandal, Prey Veng, Svay Rieng and Bavet, especially bilateral trade, tourism and cross-border trade activities between Cambodia and Vietnam.

In addition, the expressway will ease traffic congestion on National Road No. 1, which is currently experiencing heavy traffic and high risk of accidents.

In addition, this expressway will also be an important part of complementing ASEAN Highway No. 1 (AH-1), which will further facilitate cellular connectivity within the country as well as connecting Cambodia more broadly within the framework of ASEAN and the Greater Mekong Subregion to strengthen market potential, competitiveness and socio-economic resilience through better coordination and environment of connectivity.



## Opinion



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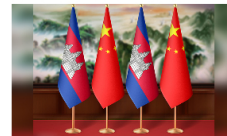
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