

**DPM DR. SOK AN PRESIDED OVER  
THE PROMULGATION CEREMONY OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS CAMBODIA**

The Promulgation Ceremony of the Board of Engineers Cambodia held on December 23, 2009 at Naga World Hotel, Phnom Penh, was presided over by **H.E. Dr. Sok An**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in Charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers and the Chairman of the Council of the Board of Engineers Cambodia, and attended by the President of the Federation of Engineering Institution of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP), Secretary General of ASEAN Academy of Engineering and Technology (AAET), government officials with more than 400 engineering officers and students.

**H.E. Dr. Sok An** highlighted that the registration of engineers is the first and essential work to be done so that we can oversee the quantity and quality of national graduated engineers for the economic need of the society, and their shortcomings can be improved accordingly.

**H.E. Dr. Sok An** added that with national graduated engineers of professional standard, every engineering technical problem faced by the professional community will be smoothly solved and the professionalism will provide Cambodian engineers employment opportunities in the engineering field, which also contributes to solving problems in the society.

**H.E. Prak Min**, Secretary General of the Board of Engineers Cambodia said that the Board was established through Royal Decree in April 2009. The Board of Engineers Cambodia was originated from the Engineering Institution of Cambodia which was founded on January 06, 2000 by national engineering intellectuals who are technicians and engineers, the majority of whom are former students of Institut Technique Supérieur de l'Amité Kampuchea Soviétique currently known as Institute of Technology of Cambodia. The Board has, at the present, assigned three main tasks: encouraging the registration of national engineers, enhancing the expertise capability through continued trainings, and seeking the possibility of providing the employment opportunities to national engineers. These tasks will contribute to the Royal Government of Cambodia's effort in developing social economy.

**H.E. Prak Min** added that so far, Engineering Institution of Cambodia has had 1317 members registered, among them 346 are national professional engineers and 185 are ASEAN engineers.

Also participating in the ceremony, Mr. **Tan Seng Chuan**, President of FEIAP, said that the establishment of the Board is a significant milestone for the engineering profession in Cambodia. This is indeed the beginning of a wonder journey towards the improvement of professional standards and greater employment opportunities for Cambodian engineers. Mr. **Choo Kok Beng**, Secretary General of AAET, also shared his view that the establishment of the Board will bring greater economic prosperity to the nation. Cambodia is the only country in ASEAN that has one organization as the Professional Association of Engineering, the country's Professional Regulating Authority (PRA) required by the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for engineering services and the Board of Engineering, similar to what is set-up in developed countries like Australia, United Kingdom and so on. The wisdom of such a forward-looking vision must be appreciated and sincere congratulation goes to **Samdech Prime Minister HUN SEN** for the leadership in setting up a trend for the other ASEAN countries to follow.