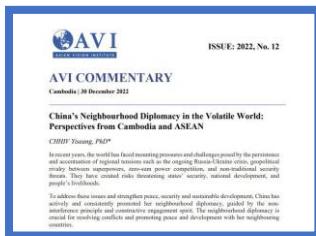


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AVI Commentary on China's Neighbourhood Diplomacy in the Volatile World: Perspectives from Cambodia and ASEAN



In recent years, the world has faced mounting pressures and challenges posed by the persistence and accentuation of regional tensions, such as the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis, geopolitical rivalry between superpowers, zero-sum power competition, and non-traditional security threats. They have created risks threatening states' security, national development, and people's livelihoods.

Read more:

<https://asianvision.org/archives/publications/avi-commentary-issue-2022-no-12-chinas-neighbourhood-diplomacy-in-the-volatile-world-perspectives-from-cambodia-and-asean>

AVD Ep24: Evaluation of Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022



Link: <https://ams.page/c/922686>

AVI Shared Views on Global Geopolitics with Vietnam Television (VTV)



Link: <https://vtv.vn/video/dau-an-2022-30-12-2022-597098.htm>

AVI Shared Views on Cambodia's Foreign Policy in the New Era with Khmer Times



Dr Chheang Vannarith, President of AVI, shared his view on Cambodia's foreign policy in the new era with Khmer Times.

AVI Shared Views on Regional Travel and Tourism after China Eased Travel Restrictions



Dr Chheang Vannarith, President of AVI, shared his views on regional travel and tourism after China eased travel restrictions on 8th January. He said that Southeast Asian countries welcomed Chinese tourists. Economic reason and political trust are the key determinants of regional response to the return of Chinese tourists and business travellers. Tourism plays a critical role in the post-Covid-19 recovery.

AVI, with CAMSAFE, Co-organised a Workshop on “Setting a Legal Purchasing Age (LPA) at 18 Y.O. in Cambodia”



On 10th January 2023, AVI, in collaboration with Cambodia Safety Solution Organization (CAMSAFE), co-organised a workshop on “Setting a Legal Purchasing Age (LPA) at 18 Y.O. in Cambodia” at Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra. The event discussed and raised the solutions and measures to prevent underage people from purchasing and drinking alcohol by promoting and developing human resources and reducing alcohol consumption.

AVI Shared Views on “ASEAN in a Multiplex World”



Dr Chheang Vannarith, President of AVI, shared his view on "ASEAN in a Multiplex World" with young women leaders from ASEAN and Nepal at the Harpswell ASEAN Women's Leadership Summit in Penang, Malaysia. He argued that ASEAN was at an inflection point, facing multiple challenges from within and outside the region.

AVI Commentary on Cambodia as ASEAN Chair: Strengthening Economic Diplomacy in the Region

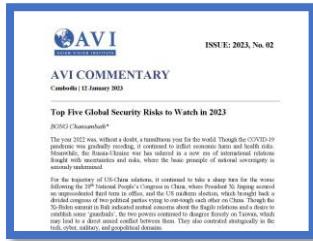
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HOW IT Shaped
For the third time in 2022, Cambodia is the ASEAN chair. In terms of current world events, it also denotes a crucial year for Cambodia, as it has to deal with numerous global and regional problems, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the political problems in Myanmar, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the situation in the South China Sea, the tension between Thailand and China's response with a massive military drill. The international supply chain, trade, foreign direct investment, commodities market, manufacturing industry, tourism, and other sectors have all been affected by these factors, causing a significant detrimental effect on the prosperity of global and regional economies.
In this regard, Cambodia's main priority during its ASEAN chairmanship is economic diplomacy. This is because Cambodia is currently facing the effects of the global economic crisis and uncertainty of the international political system. As stated by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen at the Annual Conference of the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFA) on 29 December 2022, the priority of Cambodia's foreign policy is to ensure the national economic development, diversify sources of economic growth, and strengthen partners. Therefore, this essay aims to offer fresh perspectives on what Cambodia has done and will be doing to enhance its economic diplomacy during its ASEAN chairmanship.

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AVI Commentary on Top Five Global Security Risks to Watch in 2023



The year 2022 was, without a doubt, a tumultuous year for the world. Though the COVID-19 pandemic was gradually receding, it continued to inflict economic harm and health risks. Meanwhile, the Russia-Ukraine war has ushered in a new era of international relations fraught with uncertainties and risks, where the basic principle of national sovereignty is seriously undermined.

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<https://www.asianvision.org/archives/publications/avi-commentary-issue-2022-no-01-cambodia-as-asean-chair-strengthening-economic-diplomacy-in-the-region>

AVI, with CAMSAFE, Organised a Multi-stakeholder Dialogue to Discuss a Legal Purchase Age (LPA) in Cambodia



A multi-stakeholder dialogue was held on 16 January 2023 in Phnom Penh to explore the adoption of a Legal Purchase Age (LPA) at 18 years old in Cambodia.

Read more:

<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501219998/multi-stakeholder-dialogue-held-to-discuss-a-legal-purchase-age-lpa-in-cambodia/>

AVI Shared Views on Cambodia in the Context of Geopolitical Competition and Uncertainty with CNC



Dr Chheang Vannarith, President of AVI, shared his views with CNC on Cambodia in the context of geopolitical competition and uncertainty. He said the world was at an inflection point. Four key words define Cambodia's foreign policy: independence, neutrality, international integration, and international law.

Annual AVI Board Meeting



The annual AVI Board meeting took place on 21 January 2023 to reflect on AVI's past achievements and shortcomings, share views on emerging regional and international issues, discuss new projects and action plans for 2023, and improve the visibility and impact of AVI.

AVI Celebrated 4th Year of Leading Academic Thinking



AVI celebrated its 4th year of leading academic thinking.

Link:

<https://www.asianvision.org/archives/16467>

AVI-SDGs Dialogue



The 20th session of the AVI-SDGs Dialogue Series on “Promoting Small and Medium Enterprises for Sustainable Development in Cambodia” highlighted Cambodia’s progress and challenges in promoting small and medium enterprises for Cambodia’s economic growth amidst the post-Covid-19 recovery.

AVI Commentary: Is Cambodia on the Right Path to Achieving Durable Peace and Sustainable Development?



Peacebuilding and development are protracted processes requiring an ongoing commitment. It takes years or even decades to achieve peace and realise its benefits, but peace can be shattered in just a few days. Therefore, we should not take it for granted. This article examines Cambodia’s effort to achieve Goal 16 of the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development, which focuses on peace and sustainable development.

Read more:

<https://www.asianvision.org/archives/publications/avi-commentary-issue-2023-no-03-is-cambodia-on-the-right-path-to-achieving-durable-peace-and-sustainable-development>