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'Cambodia sorely lacking cybersecurity professionals



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Despite being the fastest growing region for internet users in the world, Southeast Asia has still been slow to address the pressing need for training and developing cybersecurity specialists. "Asean is the world's fastest-growing internet region, with the user base forecasted to reach 480 million people by 2020," says Haji Amirudin Abdul Wahab, CEO of CyberSecurity Malaysia and guest speaker at the forthcoming Cyber Security Asia 2019, a two-day event taking place in Phnom Penh this November. "In 2016, this figure was 260 million, which translates into four million new users coming online each month. Social media is being used by half of Asean's population of 630 million, making it one the world's largest social media markets." This unprecedented expansion, coupled with emerging technologies, pushes Asean into an ever more connected space and as such will need to align cybersecurity approaches. This, Mr Amirudin argues, brings about an increase in both threats and opportunities. "AT Kearney said in 2017, Asean countries collectively spent only 0.06 percent of their GDP, or \$1.9 billion on cybersecurity which was in contrast to the global average of 0.13 percent," he says, noting that there is a lack of capacity to address the morphing threat of cybercrime. According to Mr Amirudin, the global shortage of cybersecurity professionals is estimated

to reach more than 2 million by 2019. Cybersecurity Ventures reported that there will be 3.5 million cybersecurity positions that will go unfilled by 2021 due to a shortage of resources. Evidently the need for greater investment in education and training in this field is set to soar, especially as the risks and threats grow and the attacks increase, the demand for security professionals is expected to rise in response, Mr Amirudin says. "CyberSecurity Malaysia has a target to produce 10,000 security professionals and as of now, we have produced 9,199 security professionals nationwide," he explains, adding that Cambodia stands to learn from Malaysia's approach to cybersecurity. Through a three-pronged approach CyberSecurity aims to support building local talent and marketable cybersecurity professionals through globally accredited certifications, utilising existing practitioners as cyber gurus in real-world training and raising awareness about the need for further development within the cybersecurity sector. "This initiative has been accepted by the Organisation of The Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Teams [OIC-CERT] and other Asian countries have shown interest in participating to develop their capacity and capabilities." To Register and Enquiry: email: tcharles@thomvell.com & azlin@thomvell.com

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Rice millers to build storage facilities with ADB loan



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Selected rice millers in Battambang, Kampong Thom, and Prey Veng have been granted access to \$10 million loaned by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to build warehouses and silos. The rice millers on Friday signed an agreement with the Rural Development Bank (RDB) and the Climate Resilient Rice Commercialisation Sector Development Programme (Rice-SDP) of the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Under the agreement, the millers will build storage facilities using an ADB loan. The agreement is important in achieving the government goal of reaching 1 million tonnes a year in rice exports. Warehouses and silos have been built in Battambang, Kampong Thom, Prey Veng, and Takeo provinces as part of RDB's emergency fund, a government-led scheme to aid the sector. RDB's emergency fund consists of \$30 million. The loans must be repaid over ten years with a 5 percent interest rate. The initiative aims to boost millers' storage capacity during harvest season and bolster paddy prices for farmers.

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US launches programme to improve reading in Laos



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The United States has agreed to support Laos with more than US\$19.4 million to fund a comprehensive basic

education programme to improve reading outcomes. The US Embassy to Laos formally launched the "Learn to Read" programme with the signing of two memorandums of understanding (MOUs) to begin the five-year project from 2019-2023. The MOUs were signed between the Lao Ministry of Education and Sports and implementing partners Save the Children International and Room to Read Laos, to mark the start of the implementation of this important new programme, which is funded through the US Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID is supporting the programme with more than US\$18.5 million with the rest of the funding coming from Save the Children International and Room to Read Laos. US Ambassador to the Lao PDR, Ms Rena Bitter, and Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs Sengdeuane Lachanthaboune witnessed the MOU signing ceremony. "Today's launch of Learn to Read marks a new chapter in the partnership between the United States and the Lao PDR on education," Ambassador Bitter said. "We are proud to support the Lao government as it works to improve reading outcomes, and we continue to expand our commitment to a strong, prosperous, and independent Laos by directly supporting the educational aspirations of Lao youth." The Learn to Read programme complements the efforts of the Lao government to improve reading skills for children from the pre-primary level through second grade, implemented by Save the Children International, Room to Read, and Humanity & Inclusion. It focuses on improving classroom instruction by providing teaching and learning materials, enhancing teacher competencies through training and classroom support, and strengthening community engagement in helping

children learn to read. Together, these activities will help improve the quality of basic education in Laos with a special focus on children who do not speak Lao at home, and children with disabilities. The programme will be implemented in all pre-primary, first-, and second-grade classrooms at public schools in 16 target districts of the provinces of Xieng Khuang, Vientiane, Champassak, and Attapeu. Over 65,000 children are expected to benefit from the Learn to Read programme. The United States also works in partnership with the government and people of Laos to improve education, promote health and nutrition, facilitate trade and investment, and strengthen the rule of law.

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Malaysian developer to build \$624M housing project in Yangon



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Malaysian property developer Berjaya Land will start building smart, affordable homes in Yangon in January next year, according to chief executive Datuk Pee Kang Seng. Valued at US\$624 million, the project will be developed across 74 hectares of land in Yangon and take place in three phases over six years, Mr Pee was quoted by the Malaysian media as saying. He was speaking on the sidelines of the Malaysia-Myanmar Connect seminar in Yangon last week. Mr Pee said the project will comprise 10,000 residential units targeting the affordable housing segment of the market, but will also have a commercial segment with about 1.2 million square feet of retail space. Berjaya Land is also inviting entities like hospitals and

international schools to take up space. This is the first project by Berjaya Land on a joint venture basis with the government.

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Eight-month industrial production up 9.5 percent



Vietnam News | 1 September, 2019

Hanoi (VNA) – The industrial production index in the first eight months of 2019 saw good growth of 9.5 percent year on year, according to figures released by the General Statistics Office (GSO). The processing and manufacturing sector led the growth with a 10.6 percent increase. However, this is lower than the growth rate of 13.1 percent in the same period last year. It was followed by the electricity generation and distribution sector with a 10.2 percent rise, and the water supply and waste, waste water treatment with a 7.4 percent rise. The mining industry also reported a 2.5 percent increase in the period. Major industrial products with high growth include crude iron, steel (up 56.9 percent), petrol and oil (42.9 percent), television (23.1 percent) and aquaculture feed (14.6 percent). In August alone, the industrial production index picked up 5.4 percent compared to last month and 10.5 percent from the same month last year, driving by strong increases of the mining industry (14.4 percent), processing and manufacturing (10.3 percent) and water supply and waste, waste water treatment (7.6 percent). –VNA

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Tra fish export continues downward trend



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Hanoi (VNA) – The export value of tra fish in July continued to drop for the fifth consecutive month, down 12.7 percent year-on-year, according to the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP). As a result of the downward trend, the figure for the January-July period also decreased 5.5 percent from the same period last year to 1.13 billion USD. It is noteworthy that export of the fish to the US market in July declined by as much as 56.2 percent to 25.6 million USD, bringing the seven-month figure down 34.3 percent to 167.6 million USD. Even though the US is still the second biggest market of Vietnamese tra fish, shipments to this market are forecast to continue decreasing towards the end of this year, partly due to many technical and trade barriers to imports of white fish, including those from China and Vietnam. On the contrary, tra fish export to China and Hong Kong surged 71.1 percent in July, resulting in a 10.4 percent increase in the export value of the 7-month period, reaching 320 million USD. In the EU market, signs of slowdown and decrease were observed in tra fish export to the UK, the second biggest of the fish in the EU, with a 10 percent reduction in July.

However, the 7-month figure, at 33.3 million USD, still showed a 36.3 percent increase. On the bright side, tra fish export to Germany and Belgium in the first seven months of this year picked up 39.6 percent and 32.5 percent, respectively, partly contributing to a 12.6 percent rise in the figure of the entire EU market to 156.7 million USD. For other markets, rises were seen in the ASEAN, Mexico and Japan, but reductions were reported in Brazil and Colombia. VASEP General Secretary Truong Dinh Hoe said the target of 2.3 billion USD worth of tra fish export this year is still feasible, as exports tend to increase towards the end of the year.-VNA

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