Cambodia Emphasizes Security and Trade Partnership with the United States Ahead of Washington Post Interview

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H.E. Samantha Yem, Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia and Attorney-at-Law, together with Attorney Scott Bolls, Managing Partner of SK & SCOTT Law Firm, Washington D.C., will engage with The Washington Post this week in a special interview led by Rebecca Tan. The discussion will focus on Cambodia–United States relations in the areas of security and trade.

Speaking ahead of the interview, H.E. Yem reaffirmed Cambodia's commitment to being a stable and reliable partner to the United States, while also maintaining good relations with all international partners.

"Cambodia wants to be a reliable partner to the United States, while keeping strong ties with all friends, so that cooperation brings benefits to both our people and our region," H.E. Yem stated.

Attorney Scott Bolls emphasized the importance of the U.S.–Cambodia legal and business relationship, noting that SK & SCOTT Law Firm, based in Washington D.C. and Phnom Penh, bridges the two countries by providing legal and strategic advisory services to governments, investors, and corporations.

The interview will highlight:

- Cambodia's role as a peaceful and stable partner in Southeast Asia.
- Ongoing cooperation with the United States on counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, and institutional strengthening.
- The importance of balanced diplomacy, ensuring national sovereignty while engaging constructively with all major powers.
- Trade priorities, including Cambodia's zero-tariff policy for U.S. goods and the need for fairer access to the U.S. market for Cambodian exports, particularly in agriculture and textiles.

The conversation reflects Cambodia's broader vision of fostering trust, cooperation, and inclusive growth with the United States, in line with the Kingdom's long-term strategy for economic development and regional integration.

About H.E. Samantha Yem

H.E. Samantha Yem is a Cambodian-American lawyer, Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia, and Founder of SK Law Office and MIG LTD. She actively promotes international investment, legal reform, and Cambodia's diplomatic engagement with key partners worldwide.

About Attorney Scott Bolls

Attorney Scott Bolls is Managing Partner of SK & SCOTT Law Firm, Washington D.C., and a recognized expert in international law, trade, and corporate strategy. He leads the firm's U.S. operations, connecting American and Cambodian businesses through legal expertise, policy engagement, and investment facilitation.

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