



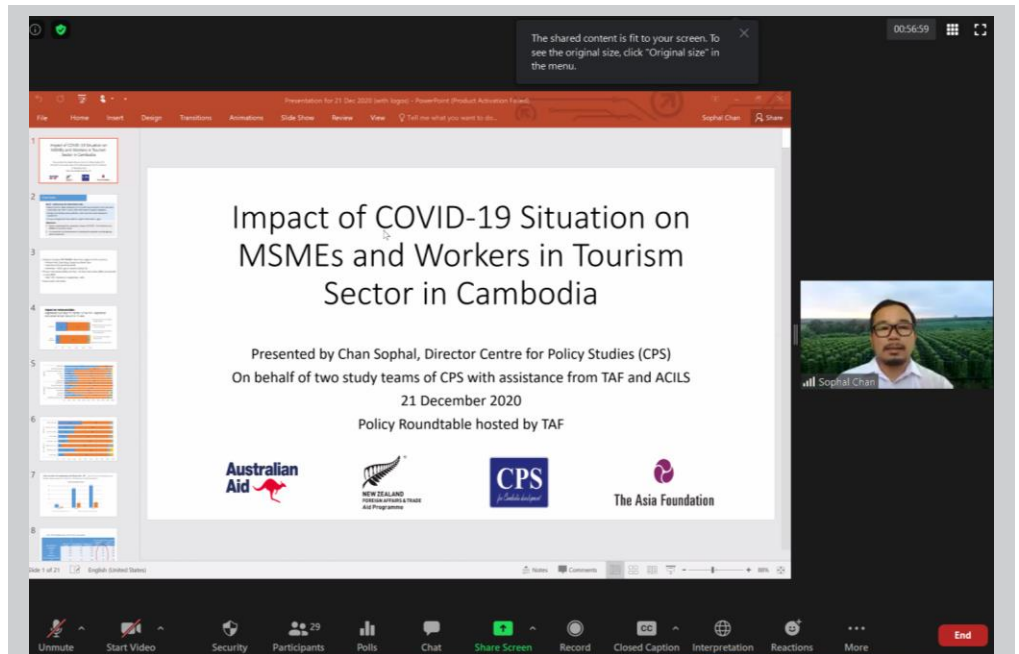
## NEWSLETTER FOURTH QUARTER 2020 October-December

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# Government Ministry Updates



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## Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has issued a Prakas on Guidelines for agricultural fertilizer samples. ([Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, November 12, 2020](#))

## Ministry of Commerce

The Ministry of Commerce issued an announcement on name reservation of company or enterprise. ([Ministry of Commerce, 1 October 2020](#))



## Ministry of Economy and Finance

The General Department of Taxation has launched the E-Filing App for small taxpayers. Please download via the link below:

- [Play Store](#)
- [App Store \(General Department of Taxation, Ministry of Economy and Finance Facebook Page\)](#)

The Royal Government of Cambodia has issued a sub-decree on the adjustment of customs duties and special tax rates on certain items ([Royal Government of Cambodia, Ministry of Economy and Finance, December 16, 2020](#))

The General Department of Taxation of the Ministry of Economy and Finance has issued a list of required documents for registration and payment of stamp duty on the transfer of ownership or property tenure in 2020 ([General Department of Taxation of the Ministry of Economy and Finance](#))

## Ministry of Interior

The Ministry of Interior announced the new Khmer identification card with a hologram that will prevent fraud. ([Phnom Penh Post, November 15, 2020](#))

The Ministry of Interior has issued a directive on the recruitment procedures on the recruitment of contracted staff for the Commune / Sangkat Administration ([Ministry of Interior, December 24, 2020](#))

The Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Environment have issued an inter-ministerial Prakas on the establishment of a working group to review and include sanitation and environmental measures into the Village/Commune Safety Policy ([Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Environment, December 10, 2020](#))

The Ministry of Interior has sent a letter to the Governor of the Capital / Provincial Board of Governors on the demarcation of boundaries of the Capital, Province, Municipality, District, Khan and Commune / Sangkat, which is not yet clear to serve the purpose of the 5th Mandate Commune / Sangkat Council Election ([Ministry of Interior, November 13, 2020](#))

The Royal Government of Cambodia has issued a circular on enforcement of the implementation on the combat against illegal drug use ([Royal Government, November 16, 2020](#))



## Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation

The Royal Government of Cambodia has issued a decision on the appointment of members of the National Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (Royal Government of Cambodia, Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation, December 14, 2020)

## Ministry of Justice

The Ministry of Justice Court has issued a list of volunteer lawyers who provide free services at various Courts of First Instance and Prosecution Offices of the Court of First Instance throughout the country. (Ministry of Justice, 7 October 2020)

The Ministry of Justice has announced the results of a 222-day campaign to resolve congestion cases at the Capital and Provincial Courts (Ministry of Justice, December 30, 2020)

The Ministry of Justice has issued a decision on the establishment of a working group to work on the fight against illegal drugs and evidence related to drug offenses (Ministry of Justice, November 20, 2020)

The Ministry of Justice has issued a decision on the division of responsibilities of the leaders of the Ministry of Justice (Ministry of Justice, November 10, 2020)

The Ministry of Justice has issued a list of lawyers who volunteer to provide free defense services at capital/provincial court of first instance (Ministry of Justice, October 7, 2020)

## Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Interior have issued inter-ministerial prakas on upgrading and establishing health units (Ministry of Health and Ministry of Interior, December 23, 2020)

The Ministry of Health has issued notices to remind all private health care providers on prescription and results from laboratories or computer-assisted medical services (Ministry of Health, December 21, 2020)



## Ministry of Post and Telecommunications

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has issued a notification on measures to prevent the attacks in Telegram App in the form of falsifying the names of government leaders or other individuals ([Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, December 15, 2020](#))

## Ministry of Land Management, Urbanization and Construction

The Royal Government of Cambodia has issued a sub-decree on construction permits, which consists of 12 chapters and 54 articles. Source: [Royal Government of Cambodia, Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, December 30, 2020](#)

## Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans, and Youth Rehabilitation

The Royal Government of Cambodia has issued a decision on the appointment of members of the National Committee on Homelessness ([Royal Government of Cambodia, November 17, 2020](#))



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