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Royal Thai Embassy, Phnom Penh

Royal Thai Embassy committed to issue all labour visas within next working day

Following the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia's announcement to reduce the Cambodian passport fees and passport processing time for Cambodian workers, the Royal Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh has announced the policy that once the workers have obtained the necessary paperwork for application for a labour visa at the Royal Thai Embassy, the visa approval process will now take no longer than 1 working day after the application is received.

In the past, the Embassy has issued all visas within 3 working days, although in cases when the Embassy received special urgent requests, the Embassy has fully cooperated in issuing labour visas in accordance with the 2003 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Thailand and Cambodia on Cooperation in the Employment of Workers on either the same day as the visa application was received, or the next working day.

According to the 2003 MOU, Cambodian workers entering Thailand require approval from the labour ministries and the foreign ministries of both countries. Once the approval process is completed, the workers can then apply for a visa at the Royal Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh.

The Embassy's decision reaffirms Thailand's commitment to facilitate legal entry of workers into Thailand, and Thailand's commitment to provide protection and relevant workers' rights under the Thai law and international standards to all workers in Thailand regardless of nationality. Thailand attaches great importance to migrant workers from neighbouring countries as they not only help to contribute to Thailand's economy, but also because of the close historical and friendly ties between the Governments and people of Thailand and neighbouring countries.
