

► CANCHAM'S VISION FORWARD



CanCham Cambodia's Honorary Board and Board recently came together to align priorities and strengthen collaboration as we continue to grow our impact in Cambodia.

The Board reaffirmed CanCham's ambition to be the trusted hub for Canada-Cambodia business. Key priorities include securing Government of Canada support for governance and certification, advancing a landmark Indo-Pacific chamber network, and supporting the 2026 Francophonie Summit in Cambodia.

► MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Julien Tétrault, President of JTH Lawyers, has been recognized as one of the Top 25 Immigration Attorneys for the sixth consecutive year.

CanCham Cambodia extends its warm congratulations to Mr. Tétrault and his team on this well-deserved achievement.



► WHAT'S NEWS

Canada is deepening its role as a trusted global trade partner, with a sharper focus on the Asia-Pacific.

For businesses, this means greater market access, stronger partnerships, and real opportunities to grow across the region.

Join us to understand what's changing and how your business can benefit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6, 2026

[Urban Development Committee Meeting](#)

February 9-11, 2026

[Canada in Asia Conference](#)



▶ CAMBODIA-CANADA TRADE RELATIONS: FUTURE PROSPECTS

CanCham Cambodia's Chairwoman, Ms. Yein Ngo, attended the Cambodia–Canada Trade Relations event at CamEd Business School, where discussions highlighted Cambodia's long-term appeal as an investment destination. H.E. Christian DesRoches, Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia, underscored the country's skilled workforce, competitive costs, and accessible decision-makers, pointing to strong opportunities to deepen Canada–Cambodia trade and investment—especially as both countries seek to diversify markets and build resilience amid global uncertainty.

How CanCham Cambodia supports members

CanCham Cambodia serves as a trusted platform for dialogue, insight, and connection, helping members navigate Canada–Cambodia trade opportunities, engage with policymakers, and build meaningful cross-border partnerships.

▶ CANCHAM CAMBODIA COMMITTEES LAUNCHING

Investment & Trade Committee

The Investment & Trade Committee (ITC) serves as a strategic bridge between Canadian expertise and Cambodia's high-potential enterprises. Focused on priority sectors including agriculture, digital, cleantech, and high-value manufacturing, the ITC supports local businesses with investment profiles of USD 5–50 million by helping them prepare for due diligence, strengthen governance, and connect with North American capital and partners.

Chair of the Committee: Mr. Victor La
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Urban Development Committee

The Urban Development Committee brings together professionals from real estate, property development, construction, architecture, and asset management to exchange market insights and strengthen collaboration across Cambodia's urban landscape. Sessions are practical and interactive, featuring sector updates, expert speakers, and host-led site or office visits, with a focus on actionable insights and shared priorities for 2026.

Chair of the Committee: Ms. Yein Ngo
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▶ WORLD BANK ECONOMIC BRIEFING

On 21 January, CanCham Cambodia supported a members-only, closed-door economic briefing delivered by the World Bank at Novotel, convening several key chambers for an off-the-record discussion under Chatham House rules.

Key economic insights

World Bank economists described the current Cambodia Economic Update as one of the most challenging to date, noting that while headline growth remains positive, underlying conditions are under strain. Three major shocks are shaping the outlook:

- Regional instability and border tensions, disrupting trade flows, logistics, and investor confidence
- Rising global tariffs and trade uncertainty, weakening export competitiveness and investment decisions
- A sharp real estate and construction correction, with spillover effects on employment, credit, and domestic demand

Informal economy risks

A dedicated session highlighted the vulnerability of Cambodia's large informal sector, which lacks access to finance, social protection, and shock buffers. High household debt, limited credit access, and uneven competition with formal firms remain key challenges. World Bank economists emphasized that formalization must be incentivized, through simpler compliance, predictable regulation, and tangible benefits such as access to finance and public procurement.

PRAKAS NO. 117 ON THE SIMPLIFICATION OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION:

WHAT MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW

The Ministry of Commerce has issued a new Prakas aimed at streamlining and modernising business registration across the company lifecycle.

KEY CHANGES

- Business incorporation, amendments, restructuring, re-registration, and dissolution are now governed under a single consolidated framework
- Online filing via the business registration system is reinforced as the primary channel
- Companies must keep corporate records up to date, including directors, shareholders, registered address, and capital, to remain compliant

WHAT MEMBERS SHOULD DO

- Review internal processes for corporate filings and record updates
- Ensure teams or service providers are prepared for digital registration requirements
- Monitor further guidance as implementation progresses

Read more: Full Prakas overview ([click here](#))

A consultation on the new Prakas is expected later this month. We will keep members informed as further details become available

▶ CANADA–CAMBODIA BUSINESS SUCCESS STORIES

Driving growth. Creating impact. Building the future.



Canada-linked enterprises continue to shape Cambodia's financial, economic, and community landscape through innovation, investment, and long-term vision.

ABA Bank (National Bank of Canada Group)

As a subsidiary of National Bank of Canada, ABA Bank has grown into one of Cambodia's most dynamic financial institutions, supporting millions of customers and thousands of local businesses. Its flagship ABA Mobile platform has transformed digital banking in Cambodia, with millions of users and billions of transactions. ABA was named Bank of the Year in Cambodia by The Banker and recognized by Euromoney and Global Finance for excellence in both traditional and digital banking. The bank remains committed to empowering SMEs and individuals nationwide.



Canadia Group & OCIC (Canadia Integrated Enterprise Group)

Canadia Group — a diversified Cambodian conglomerate with roots dating back to 1991 — operates across banking, finance, real estate, infrastructure, and community development. Its financial arm, Canadia Bank, is one of Cambodia's largest and most established banks, offering retail, corporate, and SME banking services while advancing financial inclusion nationwide. The group's non-financial arm, Overseas Cambodian Investment Corporation (OCIC), leads landmark real estate and infrastructure projects that have helped transform Cambodia's urban landscape, including satellite cities, mixed-use developments, and the new Techo International Airport. OCIC's initiatives also extend into education, healthcare, and community partnerships, reflecting Canadia Group's deep investment in Cambodia's long-term prosperity.



Manulife Cambodia

Manulife Cambodia, part of the global Manulife Financial Corporation, was the first wholly foreign-owned life insurer in the country. It has helped tens of thousands of Cambodian families plan for life's milestones through protection and savings products, and expanded access through bancassurance partnerships with leading banks like ABA. Manulife also reinforces community well-being through financial literacy and sponsorship of major events that benefit Cambodian society.



Proudly supported by CanCham Cambodia, these Canadian business leaders exemplify the strength of Canada–Cambodia economic ties, bringing world-class expertise, long-term investment, and community-focused development to Cambodia's future.

