

CANCHAM CAMBODIA NEWSLETTER



WELCOMING HMCS REGINA: STRENGTHENING CANADA–CAMBODIA RELATIONS

On [September 23, 2026](#), CanCham Cambodia was honoured to attend the official welcome reception for His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Regina during its three-day visit to Sihanoukville from September 22–24, 2026.

The reception brought together senior representatives from the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Cambodian Navy, Canadian Embassy, and Cambodian institutions, including H.E. [Christian DesRoches](#), Ambassador of Canada to Cambodia; [Commander Darren Sleen](#), Commanding Officer of HMCS Regina; and H.E. [Admiral TEA Vinh](#), Secretary of State at the Ministry of National Defence, alongside distinguished guests and leaders from both countries.

The visit highlights the importance of continued engagement in strengthening ties and deepening the Canada–Cambodia relationship. CanCham Cambodia is pleased to support continued dialogue, connections, and collaboration between Canadian and Cambodian partners across the business and broader community.



URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

On [September 4, 2026](#), our members and guests gathered for the Urban Development Committee Meeting, where we explored the topic “Practical Strategies and Tools for Building Distinctive Real Estate Identity in Cambodia”, featuring [Mr. Pawel Siudecki](#).

During the session, our speaker discussed the importance of creating a strong real estate identity in Cambodia's growing development sector, along with a short Q&A, providing an opportunity for participants to engage, exchange ideas, and share perspectives.

We would like to thank Mr. Pawel and [Ms. Chanserey Sothea](#) for hosting this session at [The Room Architecture and Design](#) office.



CANCHAM CAMBODIA MET WITH CATALYZE+

On September 17, 2026, CanCham Cambodia met with Catalyze+, a Canadian economic development organization that connects businesses and organizations with experienced Canadian professionals through mentorship, advisory support, training, and capacity building.

Our Board of Directors and the Catalyze+ team discussed potential collaboration to expand the expertise, networks, and resources available to our members. This includes opportunities for capacity building and business development, while supporting more inclusive economic growth, gender equality, and social inclusion.

We look forward to building on this conversation and exploring concrete ways to turn this potential collaboration into meaningful opportunities for our members and the wider Canada-Cambodia business community.

Member Spotlight: The Room Architecture and Design



The Room Expands into Laos and Relocates to a New Phnom Penh Office

The Room Architecture and Design has expanded operations into Laos and relocated to a new office in Phnom Penh, a step that reflects the growth of its portfolio and the range of clients it now serves.

The new space is designed to support a broader mix of projects, from commercial and hospitality work to workplace and mixed-use developments, while giving the team the capacity and tools to take on larger, more complex briefs across the region.

Beyond day-to-day operations, the office provides a space where people from inside and outside the industry, including clients, collaborators, and fellow designers, can meet and develop ideas together. As the new office becomes a base for this continued exchange, The Room looks forward to welcoming industry partners, creative practitioners, and members of the wider design community in the months ahead.



CANCHAM CAFE CONNECT

On September 26, CanCham Cambodia hosted another successful edition of Café Connect at Chomno Coffee.

Attendees enjoyed coffee and light conversation while participating in a guided discussion focused on monthly business milestones and positive growth. The event concluded with open networking, allowing members, entrepreneurs, and guests to build valuable professional ties.

We appreciate everyone who took part in our Cafe Connect this month.

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CANADIA GROUP SHOWCASES CAMBODIA AT BELT AND ROAD SUMMIT 2026

On 9-10 September 2026, Canadia Group joined the Belt and Road Summit at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre for the second consecutive year.

During a panel discussion, "Scaling Business Expansion Across the Belt and Road via Hong Kong," **Mr. Vincent Kou**, Chief Representative Officer of Canadia Group in Hong Kong, highlighted Cambodia's primary investment opportunities across manufacturing, green energy, digital industries, healthcare, and logistics, pointing to Techo International Airport as a key regional gateway.

Furthermore, Mr. Kou also mentioned Hong Kong's strategic role as a financial and professional services hub via entities like InvestHK and HKTDC to connect international capital with growing opportunities in Cambodia and the broader ASEAN region.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA VISIT CAMBODIA



In [September](#), the Representatives from the **University of Ottawa**, one of the most recognized institutions in Canada, visited Cambodia and met with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation, and the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications.

The delegation emphasized a strategic alignment in strengthening institutional cooperation, advancing digital pedagogy, and cultivating high-demand competencies.

Dialogue further targeted prospective joint efforts in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence to support economic sustainability and technological progress.

ABA'S ROMNY THEAM ON LEADERSHIP, FINANCIAL INCLUSION, AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

In a recent interview, **Romny Theam**, Executive Vice President and Chief External Affairs Officer of ABA Bank, shared her leadership journey from banking operations to external affairs. Drawing on nearly two decades of experience, she highlighted the importance of strategic partnerships, financial inclusion, and digital transformation in supporting Cambodia's economic growth.

Romny also emphasized the role banks can play in empowering women through access to finance, financial literacy, and business opportunities. She encouraged young women to embrace challenges, step outside their comfort zones, and lead with confidence, integrity, and purpose.

Read the full interview [here](#)



FRANCOTECH: A MAJOR INNOVATION FAIR AT KOH PICH



This year, [FrancoTech](#) focuses on the theme “One Francophone Community, One Digital Future” as part of the 20th Francophonie Summit.

Hosted at the Koh Pich Exhibition and Convention Center from November 14 to 16, 2026, FrancoTech will feature a dynamic schedule of expert-led panel sessions, interactive innovation showcases, and executive networking.

For more information regarding the agenda and event details, please visit the official site [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENT

October 08th, 2026: [Maple Leaf Thanksgiving Dinner](#)
At Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM