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Australian Ambassador Opens Kompong Speu Police Station and Prison

On 18 February, Australia's Ambassador to Cambodia, Dr Malcolm Leader, joined Deputy Prime Minister and Co-Minister for the Interior H.E. Sar Kheng in opening the newly refurbished Kompong Speu Police Station and Prison, funded by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

The refurbishment is part of AusAID's Cambodia Criminal Justice Assistance Project which is assisting the Royal Government of Cambodia strengthen the management and operations of its criminal justice system. The project is valued at over USD 8 million and is working with police, prisons and courts both at the national level as well as in 5 provinces.

Australian assistance has resulted in the development of operating procedures for police, courts and prisons. This has been followed up with training in the management and use of new procedures and systems. Police, prison and court facilities have been upgraded in 5 provinces to promote these operational changes. Evidence of the success of the project can be seen in the improved health and well being of prisoners through better nutrition, hygiene and medical supervision.

The Cambodia Criminal Justice Assistance Project demonstrates Australia's commitment to assisting the Royal Government of Cambodia and its people in their efforts to improve the rule of law and human rights for all Cambodians. Australia is proud to contribute to the rehabilitation and development of Cambodia in conjunction with the programs of the Royal Government of Cambodia and other donors.

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