

Cambodia to host 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting this month

PHNOM PENH, Aug. 4 (Xinhua) -- The 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting and related meetings will be held in Siem Reap, the cultural province of Cambodia from Aug. 25 to Sept. 1, according to a press release from Cambodia's Ministry of Commerce on Saturday.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen will open the 44th meeting on Aug. 27, said the press release. The meeting will discuss topics relevant to trade liberalization and economic cooperation among the 10 ASEAN member states and with dialogue countries including China, South Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India, the United States, Canada and Russia. The ASEAN economic ministers will also have joint meetings with the 26th ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council and the 15th ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council, it said. There will also be a consultation meeting between ASEAN economic ministers and head of the World Intellectual Property Organization, it said. Besides, there will be the ASEAN-U.S. Business Summit and Cambodia's Garment and Textile Expo. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.