

Embassy of India

Phnom Penh

Report on MGC Food Festival 2025

Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Food Festival, featuring signature cuisines from the MGC countries, was organized by the Mission in Phnom Penh in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC), the Embassies of Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Thailand in Phnom Penh, and Phnom Penh Municipal Administration. The festival was held on March 22, 2025 evening on the Mekong/ Tonle Sap riverside in Phnom Penh.

2. This event celebrated the deep-rooted historical and cultural connections between India and Mekong region highlighting culinary traditions. The food festival was inaugurated by Ambassador along with representatives from the MoFAIC and embassies of Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

3. A total of 12 restaurants (4 Indian, 2 Cambodian, 2 Thai, 2 Laotian, 1 Myanmarese , 1 Vietnamese) based in Phnom Penh put up food stalls at the festival. The spouses from the Mission also set up a stall of homemade food and delicacies.

4. With a scenic location on the Mekong riverside in front of the Ounalom Monastery in Phnom Penh, the festival attracted a large crowd of people and tourists flocking to the newly launched Phnom Penh Riverside Walk Street (Under the Walk Street Initiative of the Phnom Penh Administration, only pedestrians are allowed on the River Side street on Saturdays and Sundays from 0600 PM to 1100 PM. No vehicles are allowed during that period). With hundreds of people taking photographs/selfies with a backdrop of the Taj Mahal as well as the distribution of booklets on the Buddhist Circuit in Uttar

Pradesh, tourism promotion to India also took place. A few photographs of the festival are enclosed herewith. The festival was widely covered in the local media and links are mentioned below:

i. Khmertimes:

<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501658839/mekong-ganga-cooperation-food-festival-2025-attracts-the-attention-of-tourists-on-walk-street/>

ii. AKP

<https://www.information.gov.kh/articles/154921>

iii. Apsara News

<https://ams.com.kh/central/detail/1205483>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/154H5bpHdd/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

iv. CNC

<https://www.facebook.com/CNCTVLive/videos/971757761768605>

v. RFI

<https://fb.watch/yC9vc8vDdO/>

vi. Cambodia Express News

<https://cen.com.kh/archives/827583.html>

5. This is for kind information.







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Venue: Riverside (in front of Ounalom Monastery) Phnom Penh

Date: 22 March 2025

Time: 05:00 PM onwards



