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## 34 roads in Preah Sihanouk to open in April

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Construction workers build Ochheuteal Beach Road, one of 34 new roads in Sihanoukville. Preah Sihanouk Provincial Administration



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Thirty-four roads in Sihanoukville are set to open in April ahead of the Khmer New Year holiday, as provincial officials urge contracted construction firms to accelerate their work to be completed as planned.




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"The 34 roads will be inaugurated officially in April," said Kheang Phearum, spokesman of Preah Sihanouk provincial hall, noting that the specific date of the ceremony has been not set.

Currently, work continues to equip surveillance cameras, streetlights, traffic signs, traffic lights and tree planting.

The hall asked the firms to finish all infrastructure no later than the end of March, he told *Khmer Times* yesterday.

The inauguration ceremony is planned to be officiated by Prime Minister Hun Sen.

The government injected nearly \$300 million to build the infrastructure of 34 roads in Sihanoukville to help transform the face of this beach city.

Taing Socheatkrisna, director of the provincial Tourism Department of Preah Sihanouk, said the soon-to-be-inaugurated roads will make the city and province attractive to both national and foreign tourists.

"The new infrastructure will enhance the city's charm as we hope for more arrivals of both domestic and international tourists," he said.

Figures from the Ministry of Tourism showed that Preah Sihanouk province welcomed 219,577 arrivals of international tourists as of November last year, a year-on-year decrease of 73 percent.

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