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One more cement plant in Battambang

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Battambang Conch Cement in Battambang province, a joint venture between Cambodia's Battambang KT Cement and Hong Kong-based Conch International Holdings, is set to begin operations at the end of the year.

"The official commission of the plant will be in December," Sie Mengnang, an administrative officer in Battambang Conch Cement, said yesterday.

"Currently about 70 percent of construction has been completed," he added.

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According to Mr Mengnang, once the plant starts operations about 5,000 tonnes of cement would be produced per day on the site. The total production per year will be 1.8 million tonnes of cement.

The plant's production capacity, Mr Mengnang said, would be sufficient to meet the demand of construction companies in Battambang and neighbouring provinces.

Construction of the \$230 million cement plant, on 100 hectares of land in Battambang province's Rattanak Mondul district, began last October.

According to Battambang Conch Cement, investment for the plant is from the China-based Anhui Conch Cement Group in response to the Chinese government's One Belt One Road policy.

In April, Thailand's Siam Cement Group (SCG) announced that it is preparing to open its third cement plant in Battambang province in 2018.

Chan Sophal, the governor of Battambang, said that SCG started building the plant in 2016 and had almost completed it.

SCG is a majority shareholder in local producer Kampot Cement. Once operational the plant will have a production capacity of 1.8 million tonnes a year.

Kampot Cement was created in January 2008 as a joint venture between SCG, which owns 90 percent of the company, and domestic firm Khaou Chuly Group. They initially were able to produce about 1.1 million tonnes of cement annually.

SCG invested about \$120 million in a second factory in 2015 which has an annual production capacity of 900,000 tonnes and began operations last year.

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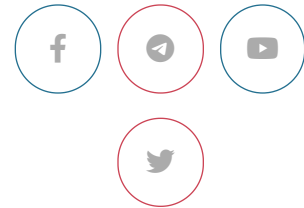
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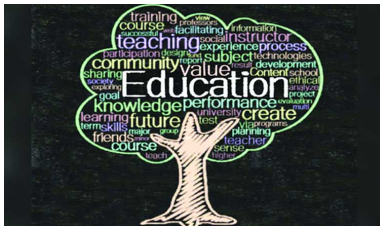
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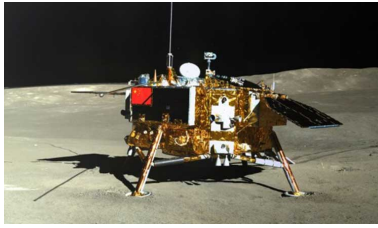


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