



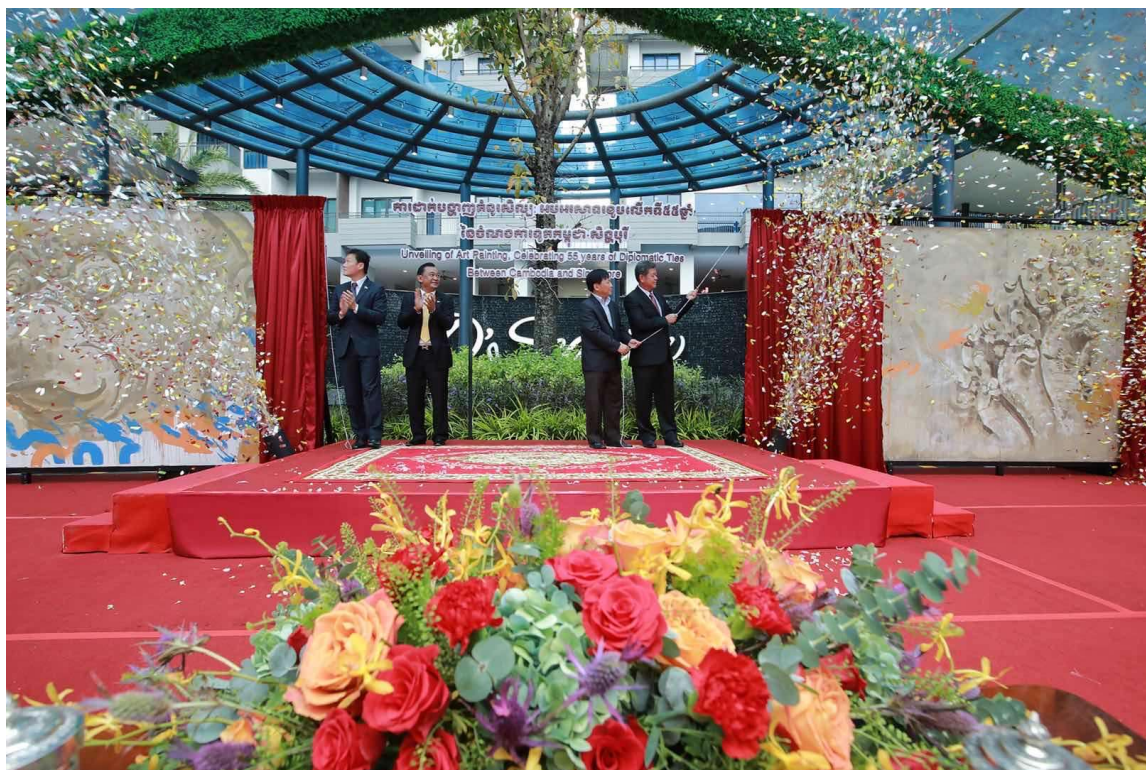
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PRESS RELEASE

UNVEILING OF ART PAINTINGS TO COMMEMORATE 55 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND SINGAPORE AS WELL AS THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF D'SEAVIEW EXCLUSIVE CLUBHOUSE



SINGAPORE – 29 September 2020 – SGX-mainboard listed Hong Lai Huat Group Limited (“**Hong Lai Huat**”) and together with its subsidiaries, had unveiled two art paintings which were created by Cambodian-Canadian artist FONKi, at its flagship development D'Seaview Mixed Development in Sihanoukville earlier today.

Titled “Summoning Naga and Garuda”, the two art pieces depict the two mythical creatures, which according to the artist symbolise protection, wealth, and success. They are based on a series of studies on Khmer mythology and sculptures by FONKi.

The unveiling ceremony was presided over by H.E Kuoch Chamroeun, Governor of Preah Sihanoukville Province and H.E Michael Tan, Singapore Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.



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According to Mr Ong Jia Jing, Executive Director and Group General Manager of Hong Lai Huat Group Limited, the event was also to commemorate 55 years of diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Singapore. It was also the official launch of the exclusive clubhouse at D'Seaview comprising of facilities like swimming pool, spa, whiskey bar, Japanese restaurant, gym, dance studio and squash court.

"These two paintings are very significant in meaning because they depict Cambodia's mythology, and is such a rich history that motivated us to purchase it. This also allow us to contribute as part of our corporate social responsibility in supporting the Cambodia Children's Fund", he said.



"The D'Seaview mixed development had completed successfully back in December 2019 and are currently progressively handing over the units to its buyer, hence these two paintings will be placed permanently in our D'Seaview Clubhouse for all patron's viewing pleasure", Mr Ong added.



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Meanwhile, Ambassador Tan said he hoped the painting will bestow safety, success and wealth on not only the residents of D'Seaview, but on all residents, businesses, visitors and the provincial government of Preah Sihanouk.

"Just like the bilateral painting that is installed outside the Singapore Embassy in Phnom Penh, these two paintings will also be a meaningful reminder of the longstanding and multi-faceted friendship between our two countries and peoples," the Ambassador said.

Governor Chamroeun noted that the strong diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Singapore were established between King Sihanouk and then PM Lee Kuan Yew. Unfortunately, Cambodia went through a period of civil war and it was now learning from other countries such as Singapore. He said it was only under the wise leadership of Samdech Techo PM Hun Sen that the Kingdom found peace again, a necessary condition for Cambodia to develop and grow. Chamroeun said he was therefore glad that Hong Lai Huat has continued to invest in Sihanoukville and Cambodia, and the opening of the D'Seaview clubhouse was a strong signal of investors' confidence in the Royal Government of Cambodia.



According to the event organisers, during the Street Art Fest++ which was held from 15-29 February this year to celebrate the 55th anniversary year of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Cambodia, Fonki and Singaporean artist YIP Yew Chong had created eleven paintings. All these have been sold to raise funds for two beneficiary organisations, and the total proceeds of US\$70,000 were presented to the Cambodian Children's Fund and the Cambodian Living Arts.



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Ambassador Tan said he was pleased that Hong Lai Huat had responded to his call to Singaporean businesses to be responsible in their activities and to find ways to give back to the host community. He applauded Hong Lai Huat for having done so through their support of the Street Art Festival and for the purchase of the paintings.

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