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PRESS RELEASE

"The Taste of Angkor", a cookbook prepared and published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation as part of its cultural diplomacy, has been distinguished as the "Best Asian Cookbook" at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2021. The award ceremony is currently being held in Paris from 29 November to 6 December 2021.

The Gourmand World Cookbook Awards was founded in 1995 by Edouard Cointreau with the goal of supporting culinary traditions from around the globe. Every year, they honour the best food and wine books as well as food television. In 2021, there were 198 countries entering the competition with a total submission of 4000 cookbooks.

The *Taste of Angkor*, which was unveiled on 18 January 2021 by His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn, contains a selection of 38 recipes of Khmer dishes and desserts. Easy-to-follow detailed instructions, encompassing ingredient substitutions of Khmer ingredients that may be hard to source abroad, were the highlight of this artistic culinary book. The *Taste of Angkor*, which were provided for the use of Cambodian diplomats and to be presented as gifts to foreign dignitaries, is a great contribution of the Royal Government of Cambodia's advancement of its food and cultural diplomacy.

The Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2021 is a fresh source of pride and honour for the Kingdom of Cambodia's efforts to get the world to know and truly appreciate the great legacy of Cambodia's thousand-year-old culinary heritage.

Food diplomacy is one of the cornerstones of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation's Economic Diplomacy Strategy 2021-2023. The aim of the Strategy is to enhance Cambodia's prestige on the international stage and to contribute to the realisation of the Royal Government of Cambodia's vision for 2030 and 2050.

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