

Cambodia in 2019 and Beyond: Key Issues and Next Steps Forward

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Abstract

Moving into 2019, Cambodia sees itself facing a number of social and political challenges. Addressing them is what Cambodian leaders should put at the top of their political agenda. Three key challenges, namely the potential withdrawal of Cambodia's EBA status by the European Union, the Kingdom's deteriorating relationship with the United States, and the perceived emergence of anti-Chinese sentiment among Cambodians, are discussed, followed by measures the Cambodian government can take to address the issues and bring the country forward. Toward the end of the article, it is suggested that political willingness and commitment are required to ensure success in dealing with the burning social and political issues. Cambodia should also try to maintain good relations with its neighbours and all powers, particularly the US and China.

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