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Traffic congestion caused by Auto Rickshaw “ Indian Tuk Tuk”

Cambodia is a developing country which is growing economic, social, contraction, as well as infrastructure and increase of number of vehicles. The auto rickshaws have become one of the most enjoyable vehicle in Cambodia, which everyone calls “ Indian tuk tuk”, a small motor vehicle with three three wheels that at the front seat for the driver and at the back is for passengers. Everyone loves to use it as a taxi through ride-hailing apps like PassApp, Grap, WeGo...ets.

The traffic jams on the road remains a problem throughout the day. The traffic mess is generally caused by behavior of the tuk tuk drivers who keep their vehicles parked on the road waiting for passengers. Their reckless driving and abrupt stopping by them in the middle of the roads is yet another issues. The auto rickshaw drivers stop their vehicle anywhere, resulting in long traffic congestion plus most of them carry passengers more than their capabilities which committing poses threat to lives not only passengers. Moreover, tuk tuk drivers are facing for failing to respect traffic law. Most of tuk tuk drivers do not respect for traffic lanes. Due to they careless to move in wrong the direction on the both side of the road and size equal to a car, all of this mainly leads to worse congestion, accidents and affect other road users.

According to Poipet city governor brought up traffic congestion happens consistently at the bridge between Cambodia and Thailand border caused by tuk tuk and motor-taxi, and they were called to sign the contracts.¹ The authorities are working with other partner to address the traffic congestion issue.

¹ Khmer Times, “Motos and tuk-tuks seized, drivers educated in Poipet,” March 13, 2018 (accessed November 10, 18) <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/113672/motos-and-tuk-tuks-seized-drivers-educated-in-poipet/>

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