

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OTTAWA - CANADA

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1956

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS EXCELLENCY KATAY D. SASORITH, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF LAOS, HAS BEEN INVITED FOR AN INFORMAL VISIT TO OTTAWA AND QUEBEC CITY AS A GUEST OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. MR. KATAY, WHO HAS BEEN LEADING HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK, WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA ON TUESDAY MORNING DECEMBER 11, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE MADAME KATAY, AND BY THE COUNSELLOR OF THE LAOTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, MR. KEO VIPHAKONE, AND HIS WIFE, MADAME KEO. MR. KATAY WILL PAY A COURTESY CALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND WILL LATER MEET THE HONOURABLE JEAN LESAGE, MINISTER OF NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES, WHO WILL BE HIS HOST FOR LUNCHEON. IN THE AFTERNOON, HE WILL SIGN THE SPEAKERS' BOOKS IN THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING. THE PARTYS WILL LEAVE FOR QUEBEC CITY ON WEDNESDAY MORNING FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT.

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