

## **Chapter 25**

### **INFORMATION FOR THE BUSINESS VISITOR**

#### **25.1 Your First Visit**

It is recommended that Canadian business people contact the North American Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Phnom Penh for assistance with arrangements. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will arrange for car rentals, interpreters, hotel bookings, and meetings.

#### **25.2 Entry Regulations**

All visitors require a visa to enter the SOC. Visas are issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The SOC maintains embassies or consulates general in Hanoi, Vientiane, and Ho Chi Minh City.

The best way to obtain a visa is by direct application in person at any of the above locations. Three to five days are required from the time of application to the time of issue. Unlike Vietnam, sponsorship from Cambodia is not required; however, a letter of invitation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expedites matters.

Visas can also be issued for a cost upon arrival at Pochentong Airport in Phnom Penh. In addition, applications can be made directly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or to the General Tourism Office in Phnom Penh. Airline companies flying into Cambodia also provide a visa application service and the visas are issued upon arrival at Pochentong Airport.

Foreign investors may be granted multiple-entry visas for a six-month period. Foreign expatriates working in Cambodia are granted a multiple-entry visa valid for one year which is renewed on a yearly basis.

#### **25.3 Getting There**

Access to Cambodia can be gained from Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, or Singapore. All bookings can be done from Canada; however, confirmation for some of the flights can be difficult. From Bangkok, visitors can make the 50-minute flight on Bangkok Airways, Air Vietnam, or Cambodian Airlines to Phnom Penh. From Vientiane, visitors can fly Lao Aviation to Phnom Penh and from Ho Chi Minh City they can fly Air Vietnam or Cambodian Airlines.

Visitors can travel to Cambodia by land from Ho Chi Minh City; however, special permits are required. It is recommended to contact the nearest Cambodian Embassy or Consulate in the region for details.