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SIHANOUK LETTER TO CHOU EN LAI EXPRESSES TO THANKS FOR PRC AID

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[Text] Peking, April 18 (AFP)--Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia today addressed a letter of thanks to Chinese Premier Chou En-lai following yesterday's capture of Phnom Penh by Red Khmer forces, informed sources said here. Prince Sihanouk expressed his "profound recognition" of China's aid and support to the Red Khmer and requested Premier Chou to pass on his "eternal gratitude" to Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

In the same letter, Prince Sihanouk spoke of the massive campaign to be waged in Cambodia to build an "independent economy" and thanked in advance China, which "will always be at our side," for the aid it will grant for reconstruction.

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RGNUC EMBASSY IN DRV RECEIVES CONGRATULATORY GROUPS

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[Text] Cambodia, 21 April, AKI--The embassy of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Hanoi has received many delegations of North Vietnamese mass organizations greeting the brilliant victory of the Cambodian people and extending feelings of fraternal solidarity and friendship.

Among the delegations were those of the Vietnam-Cambodia Friendship Association, led by its deputy chairman, Minister of Culture Hoang Minh Giam, the delegation of the Vietnamese Committee for the Defense of World Peace, the delegation of the Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Committee and the delegation of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions.

On behalf of the workers and trade union organizations of Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Duc Thuan, deputy chairman and secretary general of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions, expressed the great joy of Vietnamese workers over the brilliant victory of the CPNLF and Cambodian people in completely liberating Phnom Penh on 17 April. He said: Like all the Vietnamese people, the trade union organizations of Vietnam consider that this victory of the Cambodian people is a powerful encouragement to the Vietnamese people who are fervently engaged in the construction of socialism in the north and in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and the fascist Nguyen Van Thieu clique in the south.

On behalf of the NUFC and RGNUC, Mr In Sivouth, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Kingdom of Cambodia to Vietnam, sincerely thanked all the delegations for their warm and fraternal congratulations. He stressed that the victories achieved by the Cambodian people could not be separated from the considerable and invaluable support and aid of the Vietnamese workers and people, the Vietnamese party and DRV Government.

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PROBLEMS IN REESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA VIEWED

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[Summary] The Japanese Government on 19 April recognized the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia but is at a loss what to do to improve relations with Cambodia, because Prince Sihanouk has recently expressed dissatisfaction with Japan's past support for the Lon Nol regime.

"The Foreign Ministry on 19 April started to study how to establish diplomatic relations with Cambodia after Japan's recognition of the new Cambodian government. The ministry is planning to decide on the following basic policies: It will regard as still valid the Japan-Cambodia friendship treaty signed in 1955 by then Foreign Minister Shigemitsu and Prince Sihanouk, who had visited Japan; therefore, Japan will continue to maintain and promote friendly relations with Cambodia. In connection with refugee relief, Japan will positively donate funds to the Indochina Relief Group of the International Red Cross Society and UN subordinate organizations such as UNICEF and the UN High Commission for Refugees. As Japanese direct aid to Cambodia is impossible under current circumstances, Japan will try to give aid through the UN Mekong Committee. For the time being, the ministry plans to watch developments in the Cambodian situation without taking special steps toward establishing diplomatic relations with Cambodia."

"Foreign Ministry sources predict that the Japanese Embassy in Cambodia will be reopened only in the very distant future, partly because of Prince Sihanouk's recent statement in this connection." The sources also observe that Japanese Ambassador to Cambodia Kurino, now back in Japan, will be unable to return to his post, because he previously presented his credentials to President Lon Nol.