

TENG YING-CHAO VISITS KAMPUCHEA

“Kampuchea today has experienced earth-shaking changes. A brand-new vigorous scene now prevails everywhere in the country, which stands as firm and solid as a towering pine on a hill.”

With these words Teng Ying-chao, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-chairman of the Chinese National People's Congress, summed up her impressions of a recent visit to Democratic Kampuchea. Teng Ying-chao, widow of the late Premier Chou En-lai, led a mission to Kampuchea Jan. 21-25, 1978.

Welcoming Teng Ying-chao to Kampuchea's capital city, Phnom Penh, was Pol Pot, secretary-general of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and head of state of Democratic Kampuchea. Thousands of Kampuchean people from all walks of life greeted the Chinese visitors wherever they went, showing their enthusiasm for the deep ties of friendship between the two countries and peoples.

In his remarks greeting Teng Ying-chao, Pol Pot said: “You are both the friendly envoy of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people, and the close comrade-in-arms of the late Premier Chou En-lai, noble friend of the Kampuchean people.

“Chairman Mao and Premier Chou were very much concerned about the revolutionary cause of our Kampuchea when they were alive. Now Chairman Hua and the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party give constant support for our revolutionary cause.”

The Chinese delegation visited Kampuchea at the invitation of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, the People's Congress of Kampuchea and the Government of Democratic Kampuchea. New China News Agency reported that Phnom Penh appeared as a “riot of color with flowers in full blossom,” as the Chinese visitors toured the capital's first textile mill, children's hospital, and other places of interest.

Before returning to China, Teng Ying-chao traveled to Siem Reap to view the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat, a monument to Kampuchea's ancient civilization.