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CAMBODIAN TALKS

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 25 (UPI)—Thai officials said Cambodia's bid to establish diplomatic and trade relations—first attempt by Phnom Penh's new Government to open the world.

"We had been waiting for this occasion," said Chaval Chavanich, deputy director general of the Political Department of the Foreign Ministry.

"We are ready to be friends with any country, as stated in our policy, especially with neighboring countries," he said. "We have recognized the new Cambodian Government since the Khmer Rouge took over in mid-April."

Cambodian and Thai officials held talks yesterday, at the request of Cambodia, 100 yards inside Cambodia's frontier about 130 miles east of Bangkok.

The Cambodians said they wanted to re-establish trade and diplomatic ties which were cut after the Communists seized power in Phnom Penh on April 17.