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Media Note

Under Secretary Burns' Travel to Southeast Asia

Under Secretary of State Bill Burns will travel to Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, and the Philippines July 14-22. Under Secretary Burns' visit to these Southeast Asian partners is an important element of the Administration's commitment to increased and deepened engagement with this dynamic region.

In Bangkok on July 16, Under Secretary Burns will meet with senior government officials, including Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya with whom he'll hold a Strategic Dialogue session to advance U.S.-Thai cooperation on bilateral, regional, and global issues of mutual interest. He will also deliver a speech at Chulalongkorn University on the U.S.-Thai alliance and cooperation in the region.

Under Secretary Burns will then travel to Phnom Penh on July 17 to participate in events to commemorate the 60th anniversary of U.S.-Cambodia bilateral relations. He will also meet with senior Cambodian officials to discuss our partnership with Cambodia and the region, including through the Lower Mekong Initiative.

In Jakarta (July 18-19), Under Secretary Burns will discuss our continued work with Indonesia to build the Comprehensive Partnership and intensify our cooperation on regional security challenges.

On July 20 and 21, Under Secretary Burns will travel to the Philippines to consult with senior officials in the new Aquino Administration and discuss ways to advance cooperation with this important ally.

Under Secretary Burns will return to Washington, DC, on July 22.