

alternative sunset views, the daily newspaper concluded.

In Brief:

Russian firm inks Sihanoukville tourism investment deal

A Russian firm officially signed a US\$300 million agreement with the Cambodian government Monday to develop Sihanoukville's Koh Puos Island and Hawaii Beach into tourist resorts of international standard, newspapers reported September 27.

Alexander Trofinov, president of Koh Puos Investment Group, many of whose shareholders are Russian, endorsed the 99-year-investment contract with Finance Minister Keat Chhon and Commerce Minister Cham Prasidh during a ceremony in Siem Reap province's Sokha Hotel, ***Kampuchea Thmey*** reported. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen presided over the signing ceremony.

According to Trofinov, the company will construct a bridge across the water connecting the tropical island of Koh Puos to nearby Hawaii Beach, noted ***Koh Santepheap***. Hotels, guesthouses and recreational amenities including gardens and water-skiing facilities will be built on the island.

Trofinov said that construction has already started, and that the investment will contribute to bolstering Cambodia's development, added ***Kampuchea Thmey***.