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Why are solar panels becoming a trend in Cambodia?

For decades, Cambodia's high economic growth has been fueled by strong garment exports, supported by tourism. However, a new trend in the country's exports has emerged in the past two years - a sharp increase in electrical and electronics (E&E) manufacturing products, particularly solar panels.

Does Cambodia export solar panels?

In 2022, Cambodia's solar panel exports soared by 2.8 times year-on-year to USD1.0 billion; the share of solar panel exports to the country's total exports rose to 4.6 percent from 1.4 percent.

How will Cambodia's new solar rates affect trade?

The new rates are expected to severely impact trade, especially as Cambodia's solar exports to the U.S. were already on the decline. In 2024, solar panel exports dropped sharply to \$830 million - a nearly 60% fall from \$2.07 billion in 2023. Exports to the U.S. alone plunged by more than 61%.

Why should Cambodia invest in solar panels?

Despite facing significant challenges, Cambodia possesses several advantages that would support the continued development of its solar panel industry. Cambodia can diversify its export destinations from the U.S. to developing economies, such as those in the Middle East or Africa who are transiting to greater use of renewable energy.

Cambodia has been hit with a steep tariff of more than 3,500% on its solar cell exports to the U.S. - the highest among Southeast Asian countries - after producers and the government failed ...

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Fueled by Chinese investment to circumvent the US-China trade war, Cambodia's solar panel industry boomed to become its largest non-textile export, valued at US\$2.4 billion in 2023.

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Solar power represents the largest growth segment for foreign investment in Cambodia's renewable energy



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sector. With over 300 days of sunshine annually and declining photovoltaic costs, ...

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Opportunities for investment in Cambodia's solar and hydropower sectors are progressively attracting long-term foreign capital. As the nation seeks to expand its renewable energy capacity, these sectors ...

PHNOM PENH -- Caught between paying a 3,403% tariff and closure, Cambodian entrepreneur and human resources director Thang Menghout did not want to give up the solar power industry entirely.

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