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The volume, published by KAS Cambodia, is a collection of 20 articles predominantly written by Cambodian authors about the evolution and current status of Cambodia's foreign relations in the context of changing regional and global economic, political and social contexts. A look at Cambodia's history and present shows the multifaceted nature of its foreign relations and how the relations have shaped the political, socio-cultural and economic landscapes of the Kingdom. In this regard, foreign relations, simply put, the relations between Cambodia and other states or international institutions, have been a double-edged sword. On one side, there were conflicts, war and diplomatic tensions due to reasons of ideology and national interest, imperialism and mutual misunderstanding. A case in point is the Preah Vihear conflict between Thailand and Cambodia as well as the Indochina war in the 60's and bombardment against Cambodia in the 70's. On the other side, foreign relations have been a source of inspiration, cooperation and development.
