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“Cambodia, IOM to Further Promote Existing Close Cooperation”

Phnom Penh, 02 May 2023 – “International Organization for Migration (IOM) reaffirmed its continued support and assistance to Cambodia to enhance its migration management,” stressed the IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Region Mrs. Sarah Lou Arriola, who paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Luy David, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, on 02 May 2023 at the Ministry.

Mrs. Sarah Lou Arriola congratulated Cambodia on its success of 2022 ASEAN’s chairmanship and its historic hosting of 32nd SEA GAMES. While highly appreciating the close cooperation between Cambodia and IOM, she affirmed her commitment to maintain this existing bond and to continue to work closely with all relevant stakeholders in the area of migration management. She also wished to see the close cooperation among ASEAN countries as well as between ASEAN countries and the Gulf Cooperation Council to combat human trafficking, drug trafficking and border control management.

H.E. Luy David warmly welcomed Mrs. Sarah Lou Arriola’s visit to Cambodia and congratulated on her recent appointment as IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Region. He appreciated IOM’s assistance in protecting vulnerable Cambodian migrants and combating human trafficking and providing capacity building in Cambodia. He commended IOM for the close cooperation with Cambodian national and provincial authorities and development partners to provide immediate assistance to migrant workers returning to Cambodia from abroad during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Finally, both sides reiterated their shared determination to further enhance the close cooperation between Cambodia and IOM. ENDS