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**Outcomes of the 4th ASEAN-Russia Federation Summit
to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations**

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The 4th ASEAN-Russia Summit convened in conjunction with the celebration of the 30th anniversary of Dialogue Relations between both sides. As Country-Coordinator for the ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Relations, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** delivered the ASEAN Common Statement which highlighted the achievements of cooperation and proposed future actions to be jointly taken by ASEAN and Russia to further enhance partnership.

The Summit adopted three important documents namely: (i) Statement of ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Cooperation against Illicit Drugs Trafficking; (ii) Joint Statement of the 4th ASEAN-Russia Summit: Building a Peaceful, Stable and Sustainable Region; (iii) Comprehensive Plan of Action to Implement the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Russian Federation Strategic Partnership (2021-2025). Two documents were also noted (i) Revised ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Cooperation Roadmap and (ii) ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Work Programme for 2021-2025.

The Summit noted with satisfaction the successful convening of the 1st ASEAN-Russia High-level ICT Dialogue. ASEAN Leaders thanked Russia for offering training courses on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crimes to law-enforcement officers and experts from ASEAN member states. ASEAN also looked forward to Russia's support for the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, as well as the consideration of the possibility to engage in other ASEAN's priority areas of cooperation.



On enhancing economic cooperation, the Summit encouraged the full implementation of the revised ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Cooperation Roadmap and ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Cooperation Work Programme 2021-2025 in order to boost trade and investment opportunities in the spheres of food and agriculture, transport, energy, tourism, and MSMEs.

In line with living with COVID-19 in the new normal, where technology plays an essential role, ASEAN welcomed Russia's proposal to designate the year 2022 as the ASEAN-Russia Year of Science and Technological Cooperation. The Summit also agreed to elevate tourism consultations to the ministerial level.

ASEAN Leaders also expressed appreciation for the Russian Federation's commitment to uphold ASEAN centrality in the evolving regional architecture that is open, transparent, inclusive, rules-based, built upon ASEAN-led mechanisms.

In delivering national statement, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** congratulated the celebration of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN dialogue relations with Russia, as well as the 65th anniversary of Cambodia-Russia bilateral relations.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister welcomed Russia's commitment to fighting against terrorism and transnational crimes, particularly in the ICT and cybersecurity areas. He requested Russia to provide further assistance, including necessary equipment to combat organized crimes.

On trade and economy, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** sought Russia's assistance to further advance the negotiation for the Cambodia-Eurasian Economic Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA). He also expressed appreciation to Russia for supporting Cambodia's human resources development efforts and encouraged Russia to provide more training programs in science and technology.

As for enhancing relations between ASEAN and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** expressed Cambodia's commitment in strengthening ASEAN-SCO Relations through the existing framework, as well as Cambodia's willingness to invite the SCO Chair as the guest of the ASEAN Chair in 2022. *Q.*



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