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"Cambodia and Russia to reinvigorate and reinforce traditional friendship"

His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, held productive talks on 10 October 2023 with His Excellency Anatoly Borovik, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Cambodia.

The Deputy Prime Minister expressed appreciation to Russia for its assistance to Cambodia, particularly during times of hardship. He also praised Russia's commitment to human resource development in Cambodia which serves as a solid foundation to further strengthen people-to-people ties. As a first-hand witness to Cambodia in the 1980s, the Ambassador lauded the Kingdom's successful post-war rehabilitation. He extended condolences to the family of a Cambodian student who lost his life in Israel over the weekend.

The Deputy Prime Minister thanked the Ambassador for his compassion in this difficult time and emphasized that the Royal Government of Cambodia is doing everything in its power to ensure the safety of all Cambodians in Israel.

The two sides noted with deep satisfaction the traditional bonds of friendship between Cambodia and Russia, guided by the principles of mutual respect and shared interests, under both bilateral and multilateral frameworks. They underlined the importance of continued cooperation in mutually beneficial areas including trade, investment, and culture. To this end, the two sides agreed to hold the 11th Inter-Governmental Commission for Trade, Economic, Scientific, and Technical Cooperation back-to-back with the Third Bilateral Consultations in early 2024 to reinvigorate interactions and reinforce cooperation. The two sides also had productive and informative discussions on international issues.

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