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Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a high Cambodian delegation to attend the 30th ASEAN Summit under the theme "Partnering for Change, Engaging the World" held in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, on 29th April 2017. In the framework of the 30th ASEAN Summit, **Samdech Techo** also attended the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Youth. Moreover, **Samdech Techo** had a bilateral meeting with **President Rodrigo Roa Duterte** of the Republic of the Philippines

During the Summit, the Leaders had a deep discussion and fruitful consultation on many important issues of ASEAN's common interests and concerns of the three pillars of the ASEAN Community, the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN and the six priorities of 2017, namely (a) A people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN; (b) Peace and stability in the region; (c) Maritime security and cooperation; (d) Inclusive, innovation-led growth; (e) ASEAN's resiliency; and (f) ASEAN: a model of regionalism, a global player.

The ASEAN Leaders commended the work of all ASEAN Sectoral Bodies for fully and effectively implementing the APSC, AEC ASCC Blueprints 2025 as well as noted the efforts and preliminary works of the ACCC and the IAI Task Force, including a roadmap and the relevant guidelines for the implementation of the MPAC 2025 and the IAI Work Plan III (2016-2020).

The Leaders underlined the importance of strictly adhering to relevant articles of the ASEAN Charter in further proceeding with this exercise. The Leaders looked forward to considering the recommended updates of certain articles and sections of the ASEAN Charter at the 31st ASEAN Summit.

On political-security cooperation, the Leaders were pleased with the progress made in the implementation of the APSC Blueprint 2025 to bring about a rules-based, people-oriented, people-centered ASEAN Community. In this respect, the Leaders were committed to further promoting the purposes and principles contained in the TAC. The Leaders looked forward to Iran's accession to the TAC following the completion of its internal process as well as ASEAN Foreign Ministers' decision on new requests made by countries to accede to the TAC.

On transnational crime and drug trafficking, the Leaders commended the work of relevant authorities in addressing threats posed by terrorism, radicalisation and violent extremism in the region. They also looked forward to the ratification by all ASEAN

Member States on the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and called for effective implementation of the said Convention to counter people smuggling, people trafficking in the region.

The Leaders took note of the successful outcomes of the Second Steering Committee of ARMAC in November 2016, which among others, endorsed Cambodia's proposal for the Post of Ad Interim Executive Director of ARMAC, and adopted the Guidelines for Recruitment of the Executive Director of the ARMAC.

On South China Sea issue, the Leaders reaffirmed the importance of maintaining peace, stability, security and freedom of navigation and over-flight in and above the South China Sea. The Leaders welcomed the operationalisation of the Guidelines for Hotline Communications among Senior Officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of ASEAN Member States and China in Response to Maritime Emergency in the Implementation of the DOC, and look forward to the early operationalisation of the other early harvest measure, which is the Joint Statement on the Application of the Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea (CUES) in the South China Sea.

The Leaders reaffirmed the importance of the need to enhance mutual trust and confidence, exercising self-restraint in the conduct of activities and avoiding actions that may further complicate the situation, and pursuing the peaceful resolution of disputes, without resorting to the threat or use of force. The Leaders welcomed the progress to complete a framework of the COC by middle of this year, in order to facilitate the early conclusion of an effective COC.

On Korean Peninsula, the Leaders expressed their grave concern over recent developments in the Korean Peninsula, including the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) two nuclear tests in 2016 and subsequent ballistic missile launches. The actions of the DPRK have resulted in an escalation of tensions that can affect peace and stability in the entire region.

The Leaders urged the DPRK to immediately comply fully with its obligations arising from all relevant UNSC resolutions and stressed the importance of exercising self-restraint in the interest of maintaining peace, security and stability in the region and the world.

In his address at the 30th ASEAN Summit (Plenary), **Samdech Techo HUN SEN** shared his thoughts as follows:

First, maintaining peace and security in the region is indispensable for the prosperity and growth in the whole ASEAN region.

Second, ASEAN has to continue working together in order to promote ASEAN's Centrality in the regional architecture, and strengthen the cooperation with all partners.

Third, ASEAN has to continue ensuring robust, sustainable and inclusive economic growth through taking more efforts on narrowing the development gap.

Fourth, connectivity is the core and energetic locomotive in achieving an in-depth integration and vision of ASEAN. Therefore, ASEAN has to accelerate the implementation of Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025.

Fifth, the early conclusion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), aimed at building a mega free trade area in East Asia, is indispensable. Meanwhile, ASEAN should speed up the formal negotiation of regional free trade agreement between ASEAN and Europe in order to expand the export markets for ASEAN. ✓

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