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“Cambodia, China to further deepen partnership amid diplomatic anniversary”

Phnom Penh, 24 July 2023 – His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received His Excellency QIAN Hongshan, Vice Minister of International Department of the Communist Party of China, and his delegation for a courtesy call on 24 July 2023 at the Ministry.

The discussion covered various bilateral topics of mutual interest, including Cambodia’s general election, the celebration of the 65th anniversary of Cambodia-China diplomatic relations, and cooperation between the two ruling parties.

His Excellency QIAN Hongshan congratulated Cambodia on the successful, smooth, orderly, free, fair, transparent, and peaceful conduct of the election, which saw a high voter turnout of over 84%. He commended the Kingdom’s remarkable economic progress evidenced in the improved standard of living for its citizens. His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn extended sincere appreciation to the international electoral observers, including the Chinese delegation, for the objective, fair, and impartial assessment. Their presence demonstrated solidarity with Cambodia’s peaceful democracy and people. The exceptional voter participation underscored the citizens’ free and full exercise of their constitutional right in electing political parties and respective leaders whom they believe can best lead the nation on the path of peace, stability and socio-economic prosperity.

As both countries are celebrating the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations and the Friendship Year, this year, they expressed satisfaction with the diverse range of commemorative activities. His Excellency Vice Minister reiterated China's sustained support for Cambodia's sovereignty, dignity, and pursuit of a development path suited to the Kingdom's unique national characteristics. China will continue to render development assistance to further improve the lives of the Cambodian people.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister extended profound gratitude for China's substantial support and development assistance, including the provision of the Covid-19 vaccines and medical supplies, which have significantly contributed to Cambodia's socio-economic development and infrastructure. China's crucial role as a leading donor, trading partner, investor and source of tourists in Cambodia is recognized.

Additionally, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, who is also Chairman of the Commission for International Relations of the Cambodian People's Party Central Committee, and His Excellency QIAN Hongshan explored opportunities to further enhance collaboration between the two ruling parties in areas of governance, education, support for young entrepreneurs and leaders, and cultural exchange.

Finally, both sides reaffirmed the commitment to further deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation while jointly building a high-level, high-quality, and high-standard Cambodia-China Community with a Shared Future in the new era. END