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Samdech Thipadei HUN Manet Holds Meetings with the Yunnan Governor,
Leaders from Vietnam and Myanmar, Business Representatives and met with
Cambodian Students in Yunnan

Samdech Moha Bovor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia, held bilateral meetings with His Excellency Wang Yubo, Governor of Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minster of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, His Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administrative Council of Myanmar, as well as Chinese business leaders on the sidelines of three summits under the Mekong Frameworks, namely, the 8<sup>th</sup> GMS, the 10<sup>th</sup> ACMECS Summit and the 11<sup>th</sup> CLMV Summit held in Kunming, Yunnan Province of China from 5-7 November 2024.

Upon his arrival in Kunming on 5 November, Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister received a courtesy call by Yunnan Governor His Excellency Wang Yubo, who cordially welcomed him to the province. The two sides recalled the frequent exchanges between Cambodian and Chinese leaders, which reinforced close ties and fruitful cooperation between the two countries. They noted with great satisfaction the significant contribution of Yunnan province to growing trade and investment between Cambodia and China. The two sides applauded last year's opening of Siem Reap Angkor International Airport, which was built with investment from Yunnan. They agreed on the importance of joint endeavours to ensure the new airport best serves tourism and enhance economic growth. Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister thanked Yunnan Province for providing scholarships and training to Cambodian students and welcomed His Excellency Wang Yubo's commitment to encourage more investment and tourists from Yunnan to Cambodia.

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Address: N° 3, **Samdech HUN Sen** Street, Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Khan Chamkarmon Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister also had separate meetings with His Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administrative Council of Myanmar, and His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. The meeting with His Excellency Min Aung Hlaing focused on promoting bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, people-to-people exchange and tourism through joint activities, particularly in light of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cambodia-Myanmar diplomatic relations next year. Both sides also exchanged views on efforts to resolve the political crisis in Myanmar and Cambodia's experience in peace-building and national reconciliation. Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister highlighted the important role of ASEAN in helping Myanmar's return to normalcy, and reaffirmed Cambodia's continued commitment to support an inclusive peaceful solution that is led and owned by Myanmar.

Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister and His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh congratulated each other on the economic and social achievements in both countries and expressed satisfaction with closer ties and growing cooperation in many areas between Cambodia and Viet Nam. They agreed to intensify efforts to enhance infrastructure connectivity to facilitate the movement of people and goods. With bilateral trade up by 22 percent in the ten-month period of 2024 compared to the previous year, the two leaders committed to urging relevant institutions to work harder toward the USD 10 billion trade target and to further encourage bilateral investment. Increasing cultural and youth exchanges was also considered relevant to promote people-to-people contact. Samdech Thipadei HUN Manet and His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh looked forward to the upcoming high-level engagements between the two countries and reaffirmed their resolve to accelerate the completion of the remaining demarcation work. Taking this opportunity, Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister thanked Viet Nam for facilitating the recent Kathin procession to Wat Bodhigirivongsaram (Xoai Xiem Moi Pagoda) in Tra Vinh province, and the warm reception accorded to Samdech Kittiprittpundit BUN Rany Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian Red Cross, and her delegation.

While in Kunming, Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister received separate courtesy calls by the representatives of seven companies who presented their business and investment plans for Cambodia, namely Zhengzhou Chen's Sun, ZhongJiao Tongli, Guoxing Group Companies, Shandong (Cambodia) Economic and Technological Development Zone, Ju Wang Footwear Co., Ltd and Juhuiland Co Ltd., Yunnan Investment Group, and Sailun Group. He also met with Cambodian students studying in Yunnan province. He encouraged them to study hard and strive to be good members of their respective families and communities.

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