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**Outcomes of the Official Visit of**  
**Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**  
**Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia**  
**to the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 5 to 6 December 2018**

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**Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a high-level delegation to pay an official visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 05 to 06 December 2018 at the invitation of His Excellency Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith. The visit was a key highlight of the longstanding fraternal relations and the commitment to bolster a broad spectrum of cooperation between the two countries.

During his courtesy calls on President Bounnhang Vorachith and the President of the National Assembly, Her Excellency Ms. Pany YATHOTOU, Samdech Techo Prime Minister congratulated the leadership and people of Laos for achieving remarkable socio-economic development. Both the President and the Prime Minister of Laos warmly congratulated Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen for winning a renewed mandate, attesting to the strong popular support for his leadership and national development accomplishment.

During their bilateral talk, Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen and Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith reaffirmed commitment to further promote the traditional fraternal ties, good neighborliness and mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields between Cambodia and Laos. On the economic front, both Prime Ministers agreed to create and reinforce pro-business environment by holding regular trade fairs, strengthening business-to-business links and removing obstacles to trade and investment exchanges.

In this context, the two Prime Ministers encouraged relevant institutions of the two countries to expedite the conclusion of the Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and improve cross-border access. Recognizing the latent economic potentials of both countries, both leaders agreed to expand collaboration in agriculture, industry, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), energy and labour. They also shared the view that both sides should intensify efforts to promote



growing cooperation and exchanges in tourism, education, culture and energy and jointly endeavor to maximize benefits from regional and sub-regional frameworks including ACMECS, CLMV, CLV and Mekong-Lancang.

In order to review current cooperation activities and explore possible areas for expanding cooperation, both the leaders agreed to hold the 13<sup>th</sup> Cambodia-Laos Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation early next year.

On border issue, the two Prime Ministers noted the ongoing progress of the delimitation and demarcation works and had an extensive and frank discussion on outstanding points. They expressed shared determination to resolve all issues and build a border of peace, friendship, cooperation and development for future generations to enjoy. They also agreed to strengthen cooperation in countering illegal cross-border crimes and drug trafficking.

After the bilateral talk, both Prime Ministers witnessed the signing of the four documents (1) Agreement on Cooperation in Education for the Period 2019-2023, (2) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Culture and Art for the Years 2019-2021, (3) Memorandum of Understanding on sending Elephants to Cambodia as part of a Cultural exchange program and (4) Agreement on the supply of power from Lao's Ban Hat substation to Stung Treng's Substation.

On the sidelines of the visit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister's delegation also took the opportunity to meet and interact with Cambodian community and students in Laos.

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