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Phnom Penh 28 February 2023 – **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation presided over the workshop on Digital Diplomacy for Cambodian Diplomats organized by the Economic Diplomacy Coordinating Group (EDCG) in cooperation with the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications in a hybrid format at the Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh on 28 February 2023.

Approximately 400 participants, including senior officials, heads of Cambodian Missions abroad and diplomats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, attended this Workshop. The core objective of this Workshop is to enhance knowledge and skills of Cambodian diplomats to effectively use the internet, digital tools, and technology as they fulfill their diplomatic duties and responsibilities.

H.E. DPM PRAK Sokhonn noted the rapid advancement of technologies amidst the Industrial Revolution 4.0, which modernized means of communication, information retrieval, and medium of working. As politicians and diplomats have capitalized on the internet and social media platforms to disseminate information and expand their reach to the mass population, Digital Diplomacy has thus gained great attention and significance. **H.E. Deputy Prime Minister** emphasized that Cambodian diplomats must leverage on Digital Diplomacy in order to expand soft power so as to defend and promote our national interests. In addition, **H.E. Deputy Prime Minister** highlighted the importance of digital system for the successful hosting of the 13th Asia-Europe Summit in 2021 and ASEAN meetings in 2022.

The Workshop featured presentations on insights and experiences, technical skills, and practical implementation guides for Cambodian diplomats to maximize the use of Digital Diplomacy for their professional duties and activities.