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**Outcomes of the participation of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia in the ASEAN Leaders' Gathering with
International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB)**

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, participated in the ASEAN Leaders' Gathering on October 11, 2018 in Bali, Indonesia, in conjunction with the International Monetary Fund - World Bank Group (IMF-WBG) Annual Meetings 2018 under the theme "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Overcoming Development Gaps through Regional and Global Collaborative Actions".

This Gathering served not only as a platform for ASEAN Leaders to further engage with the international financial institutions, and the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, but also as a demonstration of ASEAN's leadership and solid cooperation in making real progress towards the realization of Sustainable Development Goals.

Addressing the Gathering, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** highlighted the fact that ASEAN has achieved a significant social progress, especially in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and poverty reduction as well as the improvement of key indicators for human development. Moreover, ASEAN is also the first region to localize Sustainable Development Goals before others.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister further stressed that the Royal Government of Cambodia in the sixth legislature of the National Assembly has laid out political agenda and Rectangular strategy-Phase IV in response to the aspirations of all Cambodian voters and to continue building economic foundation to ensure Cambodia will achieve an upper middle-income status in 2030. In this context, the Royal Government of Cambodia has



attached high priority to (1) Reforming to promote inclusive growth, (2) Promoting development towards sustainable development goals, and (3) Further improving business environment.

In their remarks, Heads of the international financial institutions and the UN Secretary General commended ASEAN for important progress over the past years, and expressed their continued commitment to work with ASEAN to achieve the sustainable development goals. In regard, the UN Secretary General saluted the ASEAN's effort to 'narrow the development gap' between and within ASEAN Member-States.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister also attended as a Special Honorary Guest at the Opening Ceremony of the IMF-WBG Annual Meetings on October 12, 2018.

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