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**Outcomes of the 8th Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit, the 10th
AYEYAWADY-CHAO PHRAYA-MEKONG ECONOMIC COOPERATION STRATEGY
(ACMECS) Summit and the 11th CAMBODIA-LAO PDR-MYANMAR-VIET NAM
(CLMV) Summit in Kunming, People's Republic of China**

Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, attended the 8th Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit, the 10th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit and the 11th Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Viet Nam (CLMV) Summit respectively, in the Chinese city of Kunming from 6 to 7 November 2024.

I. 8th GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION (GMS) SUMMIT:

His Excellency **Li Qiang**, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, chaired the GMS Summit. Under the theme "**Toward a Better Community through Innovation-Driven Development**". The GMS leaders reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to further strengthen and deepen their collective efforts in pursuit of sustained and accelerated development and to work toward a more integrated, prosperous, sustainable, and inclusive subregion.

The GMS Leaders noted with satisfaction substantial progress in implementing the GMS Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2030, endorsed at the 7th GMS Summit hosted virtually by Cambodia on 9 September 2021, particularly in the fields of agriculture, energy, environment, health, tourism, transport, trade and investment.

They acknowledged the active role played by development partners, especially the unwavering support of the Asian Development Bank since the beginning of the GMS program and growing support from other development partners.



Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister delivered remarks on innovation-driven development. He noted complex global challenges faced by the subregion, such as economic uncertainties, growing geopolitical tensions, threats to free trade and climate-related risks, and emphasized the need to deepen and strengthen regional cooperation and integration. He applauded the subregion's progress since the 7th GMS Summit, and stressed the opportunity to harness digitalization and innovation in maximizing potential for a more integrated and connected subregion. **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** commended efforts by all countries to finalize the Innovation Strategy for Development of the Greater Mekong Subregion 2030, which is central to achieving the vision of the Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Framework 2030. He noted Cambodia's efforts to embrace the digital revolution to realize the goal of building a digital government and society as set out in the first phase of the Royal Government of Cambodia's Pentagonal Strategy.

The Summit adopted (a) the Innovation Strategy for Development of the Greater Mekong Subregion 2030 and (b) the 8th Summit Joint Declaration, in which leaders recognized recent achievements and outlined future directions of cooperation toward realizing the shared vision of a more integrated, prosperous, sustainable and inclusive subregion.

II. 10th AYEYAWADY-CHAO PHRAYA-MEKONG ECONOMIC COOPERATION STRATEGY (ACMECS) SUMMIT:

His Excellency Dr. Sonexay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, chaired the ACMECS Summit. In line with the theme "**Towards Seamless Connectivity for Mekong Sub-regional Integration**", the ACMECS Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a fully integrated subregion by focusing on seamless connectivity, synchronized economies, and smart and sustainable cooperation that lays a solid foundation of peace, stability, sustainable development, and prosperity for the peoples of member countries.

The Leaders praised the Lao chairmanship of ACMECS and Thailand for its meticulous efforts in establishing the ACMECS Interim Secretariat and signing a memorandum of understanding with the Mekong Institute to support the Secretariat on behalf of member countries, with the aim of elevating ACMECS to new heights.



The Leaders noted with satisfaction that, since its inception in 2003, ACMECS had made substantial progress in realizing the vision of “bridging the economic gap in the region and promoting prosperity sustainably”, based on a spirit of long-lasting harmony and solidarity and win-win cooperation, greatly contributing to ASEAN integration and ASEAN Community-building.

They reiterated their unwavering dedication to creating a well-connected and prosperous subregion for all. They underscored the importance of effective and sustainable cooperation in ACMECS, prioritizing both physical and digital connectivity to link economic corridors, integrate global value chains, and develop human capital, especially to empower young workers in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister highlighted that ACMECS countries should set an ambitious vision to synergize regional food production with the aim of becoming the world's largest food export centre, especially in light of disruptions to global supply chains and recent surges in commodity prices. He called for active engagements with development partners and the early establishment of an ACMECS Development Fund to facilitate much-needed financing for ACMECS priority projects. **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** expressed support for proposals to extend the implementation period of the Master Plan for 2019-2023 and prepare a new draft with an updated vision, which is adaptable to emerging challenges.

The leaders concluded the 10th ACMECS Summit by adopting the Vientiane Declaration, annexing the “Concept Note on Water Resources Management in the Mekong Region” to the ACMECS Master Plan for 2019-2023, and approving the inclusion of New Zealand in the Second Batch of Development Partners.

III. 11th CAMBODIA-LAO PDR-MYANMAR-VIET NAM (CLMV) SUMMIT

His Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, chaired the CLMV Summit under the theme “**Friendship and Solidarity for Resilient and Prosperous Community**”. The Leaders reviewed the progress made since the last Summit, which was held virtually in 2020, and exchanged views on regional cooperation. The CLMV Leaders reaffirmed their political will and common aspiration for peace and shared prosperity by promoting inclusive and sustainable development and uplifting the welfare and quality of life of their peoples.



While extending appreciation to Myanmar for its able chairmanship, the CLMV leaders noted with satisfaction steady progress in implementing CLMV Action Plans, which have yielded significant outcomes and further contributed to realizing the framework for CLMV development. They encouraged continued joint promotion of the “Four Countries, One Destination” campaign to ensure sustainable and responsible tourism through greater coordination, exchange of information and best practices, and public-private partnerships, especially in tourism promotion and product development.

The Leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, agriculture, energy, industry, tourism, human resources development, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), and transport to accelerate joint endeavours toward becoming an attractive hub for investment and logistics, contributing to regional economic integration and the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister highlighted that the fruitful CLMV cooperation had become a foundation for socio-economic development, where peace and stability are indispensable to ensure safety, well-being, and continued prosperity and to safeguard regional interests. He also called for the promotion of agriculture as a key priority to sustain and improve productivity and yields for food security. **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** underscored the need for digital economy efforts to help Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). He stressed the importance of capitalizing on the fourth work plan of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration and other mechanisms to address financial constraints in implementing the CLMV developmental framework and priority areas.

The CLMV Leaders concluded the Summit with the adoption of a Joint Statement on the 11th Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Viet Nam Cooperation Summit.

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