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**Cambodia Congratulated, Highly Appreciated  
For Successfully Hosting 55<sup>th</sup> AMM and Related Meetings**

Cambodia has been congratulated and commended for successfully hosting the 55<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting ( 55<sup>th</sup> AMM ) and Related Meetings, from 29 July to 05 August 2022 in Phnom Penh. Following are the excerpts from the articles /analysis/comments published in some media outlets:

**1. Bravo ASEAN** (Jakarta Post's Editorial / 08 August 2022)

- Speaking on behalf of the chair of ASEAN, Cambodian Foreign Minister Prak Sokhonn reminded all foreign ministers participating in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) on Friday that they must maintain composure, dignity, good manners and civilized discussions. The message is very clear that ASEAN as the host has the privilege to set up rules and everybody must respect them -- so do not mess up ASEAN's home.
- Amid growing global tension due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as well as increasing tension between China and the United States on Taiwan, the world needs a formal forum where they can at least express their standpoint. And ASEAN has come forward to offer itself as the place for the world's major powers to feel comfortable. ASEAN as the host always tries not to be trapped in the middle of a fight between their guests.
- One of the reasons for the obedience of the ASEAN guests to the rules of the game was because ASEAN had succeeded in solving its most difficult internal problem, by punishing the Myanmar junta under Gen. Min Aung Hlaing for its barbaric acts. To the surprise of some members, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen had proven he was a responsible chair of the regional grouping, although deep in his heart he might prefer to stay away from Myanmar's internal affairs.

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- As a pragmatic leader, Hun Sen realized that taking side with the murderous junta leader would only tarnish his position among ASEAN leaders. As the world's longest-serving prime minister, he also has his problems at home. But regardless of his real motive, Hun Sen deserves a big round of applause.
- During the ASEAN foreign ministers' meeting, Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates signed the instrument of accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC). Now 49 countries including the US, China, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, India and Canada have signed the treaty.
- Today is ASEAN's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bravo to ASEAN for the impressive progress achieved during the Phnom Penh ministerial meeting and happy birthday.

## 2. ASEAN at 55: Alive and Kicking

(by Kavi Chongkittavorn / Thai PBS World / August 06, 2022)

- . . . As the current chair, Cambodia has worked very hard to display ASEAN centrality and solidarity at its best. The outcome of ASEAN annual meeting was evidence of these diligent efforts. Indeed, the chair has restored the much-needed credibility it deserves, after the malfeasance of a decade ago. All concerned authorities and the Cambodian people, most of all, should be proud.
- ASEAN also reiterated that it stands ready to play a constructive role in facilitating peaceful dialogue through ASEAN-led mechanisms. At the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), all 27-member countries shared their views about regional and international challenges. Their common and divergent views have already made the ARF meeting unique, as all major powers of the world are involved. Better still was the East Asia Summit foreign ministerial meeting, which enabled key global players to come face to face to exchange views, without resorting to confrontation.

## 3. 55th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting: Much Ado About Everything (or Nothing)?

(by Sharon Seah, Joanne Lin, Melinda Martinus / Fulcrum, 08 Aug. 2022)

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1. Cross Strait Development: A New Litmus Test for ASEAN

