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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 Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal and the Participation in the Asia-Pacific Summit 2018, Kathmandu, From 29 November to 1 December 2018

At the invitation of H.E. Mr. Khadga Prasad Shamar Oli, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, paid an official visit to Nepal and participated in the Asia-Pacific Summit 2018 in Kathmandu, from 29 November to 1 December 2018. During this visit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister called on The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Bidhya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal, held a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Shamar Oli and received a courtesy call by The Hon. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen and The Rt. Hon. Khadga Prasad Shamar Oli expressed satisfaction with the growing cordial relations of friendship and good cooperation between Cambodia and Nepal and agreed that the officials of both countries should hold regular consultations to expand cooperation to all feasible fields. The Prime Minister of Nepal congratulated the success of the Cambodian People's Party in the recent general election and considered the first visit to Nepal by Samdech Techo Prime Minister as a historic milestone and a catalyst for promoting cooperation in practical areas, including trade and investment, tourism, cultural exchange and agricultural development. He welcomed Samdech Techo Prime Minister's decision to appoint Cambodian Ambassador to India as a non-resident Ambassador to Nepal. The two Prime Ministers agreed to expedite the conclusion of an agreement on reciprocal



promotion and protection of investment and the establishment of direct flights between Cambodia and Nepal to promote tourism and economic exchanges.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen and Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Shamar Oli exchanged views on a number of regional and international issues of common interest and agreed to further strengthen cooperation in the international fora. Samdech Techo Prime Minister shared with his Nepalese counterpart Cambodia's experience in achieving socio-economic progress and future national development plan, and also on the recent political situation in Cambodia. Both the leaders agreed that Cambodia and Nepal can benefit from each other's experience on achieving peace, national reconciliation and unity and on post-conflict rehabilitation and development. The Prime Minister of Nepal accepted with pleasure the cordial invitation extended by Samdech Techo Hun Sen to pay an official visit to Cambodia at a convenient time, with a view to further consolidate ties and expand the scope and depth of cooperation between the two nations.

Upon the conclusion of their bilateral meeting, Samdech Techo Hun Sen and Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Shamar Oli presided over the signing of four documents which aim to enhance relations and cooperation between Cambodia and Nepal:

1. Agreement on Exemption of Visa Requirements for Holders of Diplomatic and Service/Official Passports,
2. Air Services Agreement.
3. Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Bilateral Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal.
4. Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation.

During his courtesy call on The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Bidhya Devi Bhandari, the President of Nepal, Samdech Techo Hun Sen conveyed warm greetings from His Majesty Preah Bath Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, the King of Cambodia, to the Hon. President. The two leaders expressed strong optimism that the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Cambodia and Nepal will become much



more vibrant with as a result of Samdech Techo Hun Sen's first visit to Nepal and the signing of cooperation documents during the visit.

Following the official visit, on 01 December 2018, Samdech Techo Prime Minister attended the Asia-Pacific Summit 2018 in Kathmandu, where he made a key note address on the Summit's theme "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values". In his address, Samdech Techo Prime Minister stressed on the need to adopt a "Comprehensive and Inclusive Approach" in dealing with major issues in the context of growing interdependence between nations. He recommended five essential steps for addressing ideological conflicts and promoting trust which include:

- (1) Commitment to foster friendship with all countries in order to ensure long-term peace and sustainable development;
- (2) Enhancing regular dialogues and cooperation to minimize the risk misunderstanding and misperception and to promote mutual respect.
- (3) Strengthening policy coordination, information sharing and collective efforts against radicalism and terrorism;
- (4) Promoting development to meet the present needs, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs;
- (5) Mainstreaming the use of technological know-how in education and training.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister took the opportunity of his stay in Kathmandu to visit the magnificent UNESCO listed world heritage sites Patan Durbar Square and the Hiranya Varna Mahavihear and conservation and restoration works at the complex. ៕

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