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Outcomes of the Official Talks

**between His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM Sihamoni,
King of Cambodia, and His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON, President of the
French Republic**

Palais de l'Élysée, 13 November 2023

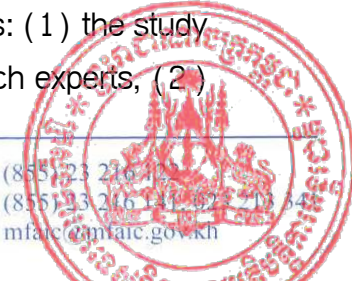
During the official visit to the French Republic from 12 to 18 November 2023, **His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM Sihamoni, King of Cambodia**, was received by **His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON**, President of the French Republic, for Official Talks at the Palais de l'Élysée in the afternoon of 13 November 2023.

Following a warm welcome by **His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON**, **His Majesty the King** recalled the productive meeting between **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen**, then Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and **His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON** last December.

His Majesty the King expressed his heartfelt gratitude for France's continuous support for the socio-economic development of Cambodia, highlighting France's significant commitment to the well-being of the Cambodian people.

His Majesty the King conveyed his sincere thanks to France for her pivotal role in extending the mandate of the Intergovernmental Conference for the Safeguarding and Development of Angkor (ICC-ANGKOR) for another 10 years, from 2023 to 2032. This mechanism was established in 1993 following the call of **His Majesty the late King Father NORODOM Sihanouk**. It remains a priority of the Royal Government of Cambodia, extending from **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen** to the current Royal Government led by **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia**.

His Majesty the King expressed his high expectations for three projects: (1) the study of the renovation and expansion of the National Museum of Cambodia by French experts, (2)



the cooperation between the National Museum of Cambodia and the Guimet Museum, and (3) the restoration of the reclining Vishnu bronze statue, as well as the exhibitions of Khmer artifacts in France and other museums.

In response, **His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON** reaffirmed the French Government's commitment to continuing its assistance to Cambodia in various sectors, particularly in the health sector. This support encompasses human resource development, support for zoonosis disease prevention programs, telesurgery, and the application of artificial intelligence in the medical field.

His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON also reiterated the French Government's commitment to assisting the cultural sector, with a particular focus on the renovation and expansion of the National Museum of Cambodia and the restoration of the reclining Vishnu bronze statue, which will be displayed in France alongside a collection of other artifacts.

His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON lauded the success of the mechanism of the ICC-ANGKOR as an exemplary model of multilateralism.

In response to the request of **His Majesty the King**, **His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON** pledged to send French experts to study and renovate the Pavillon Napoleon III located in the Royal Palace compound.

Acknowledging Cambodia's willingness to host a major Francophonie event, **His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON** encouraged Cambodia to host the Francophonie Summit in 2026 and pledged France's support for Cambodia's candidacy.

His Majesty the King expressed Cambodia's immense honor in seeking to host the Francophonie Summit in 2026. **His Majesty the King** also highlighted the invaluable character of France's support, which would serve as a testament to France's commitment to strengthening her presence in Asia.

At the conclusion of the Royal Meeting, **His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON** invited **His Majesty the King** to attend the 19th Francophonie Summit in Paris on 4-5 October 2024. In return, **His Majesty the King** invited **His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel MACRON** and the First Lady to attend the 20th Francophonie Summit which Cambodia hopes to host in 2026. **His Excellency the President** expressed his delight in accepting the invitation.

Phnom Penh, 13 November 2023

