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Cambodian and Lao Prime Ministers Hold Bilateral Meeting

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency Dr. Phankham Viphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, had a Bilateral Meeting on the sidelines of the 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits on 10 November 2022, during which the two Prime Ministers highly valued the strong bonds of friendship and good cooperation between the two countries since the establishment of the diplomatic relations in 1956.

On bilateral cooperation, Samdech Techo Prime Minister and Lao Prime Minister were pleased with the outcomes of the 14th Meeting of the Cambodia-Laos Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) and reiterated the importance of promoting bilateral ties to increase trade and investment. Both sides encouraged relevant authorities to effectively and timely implement the signed documents on energy cooperation.

The two Prime Ministers noted with pleasure that both sides have achieved approximately 86% of the common land boundary and agreed to task the Cambodia-Laos Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) to finalize the draft Treaty on the Delimitation of the State Border between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic in order to be signed during the visit of Samdech Techo Prime Minister to Laos next year.

Both Prime Ministers also agreed to further promote regular high-level visits and meetings between the two countries' leaders, respective ministries, institutions and local authorities to boost cooperation in various areas as well as to enhance the Cambodia-Laos traditional bond of friendship. They encourage their respective

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relevant authorities, at the central and local levels, to perform their duties with a high sense of responsibility to ensure peace and stability in the border areas between Cambodia and Laos and to transform it into a border of lasting peace, friendship and cooperation.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister and His Excellency Phankham Viphavanh exchanged views on the crisis in Myanmar, in which His Excellency Dr. Phankham Viphavanh commended Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship and reaffirmed Lao support to Cambodia's endeavors. The two Prime Minister also exchanged views on regional and international issues of common concerns.

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