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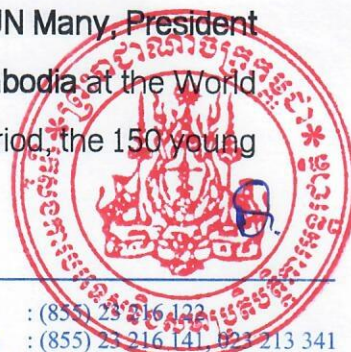
on the Outcome of 4th Asia-Europe Foundation's Young Leaders' Summit (ASEFYLS4)

Phnom Penh, 26 November, 2021 via Hybrid Format




On the afternoon of 26th November, 2021, His Excellency SOK Soken, Secretary of State of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Head of Inter-Institutional Working Group Responsible for the Organization of ASEFYLS4 delivered his closing remarks at the closing session of ASEFYLS4 under the theme "Sustainable Development in a post-COVID-19 World" via a pre-recorded video. The summit was attended by His Excellency Ambassador Léon Faber, Deputy Executive Director of ASEF as well as 200 youth participants from 51 ASEM countries, 30 of whom were from Cambodia.

The summit is one of six official side events, and it is the official youth side event of ASEM13. The entire program has spanned the duration of more than one year and has been divided into 4 main phases: Phase 1 – Navigators Selection and Training; Phase 2 – Knowledge Building; Phase 3 – Leadership in Action; and Phase 4 – ASEFYLS4. The five-day summit focused on four of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) namely: SDG3 – Good Health and Well-being; SDG4 – Quality Education; SDG8 – Decent Works and Economic Growth; and SDG13 – Climate Action. In the lead up to the summit, in support of SDG13 – Climate Action, on 18th November, 2021, the Inter-Institutional Working Group Responsible for the Organization of ASEFYLS4 had organized a solidarity tree planting ceremony which was presided over by H.E. HUN Many, President of the Asian Youth Council and the Union of Youth Federations of Cambodia at the World Heritage Site of Angkor Wat, Siem Reap. During the five-day summit period, the 150 young



leaders presented, exchanged ideas and experiences as well as reflected on their 'Leadership-in-Action' projects which had been implemented over the past year. Moreover, the young leaders together finalized the ASEM Youth Declaration, which was later delivered in front of ASEM leaders during ASEM13; amongst the youth representatives who delivered the ASEM Youth Declaration was a Cambodian youth.

In his remarks, His Excellency **SOK Soken, Secretary of State**, highlighted the imperative for our youth to take part in the promotion of sustainable development, and, in particular, the advancement of post-COVID-19 socioeconomic recovery. In this connection, His Excellency thanked ASEF as well as other ASEM dignitaries who have provided the ASEF young leaders with the opportunities to learn about the many crucial tasks required in the efforts towards sustainable development, both in political and technical terms. His Excellency **Secretary of State** further noted that the unfolding multi-dimensional impacts of the global trends have unveiled our global fragility at many different levels. His Excellency stated his firm belief that, through active and proactive engagement among youth across all regions, we can enhance the resilience of our societies for the betterment of the world for generations to come. 



Phnom Penh, 27 November 2021