

Joint Communiqué
Between
The Kingdom of Cambodia and
the People's Republic of China

1. At the invitation of His Excellency Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Samdech Akka Moha Sene Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, paid an official visit to the People's Republic of China from 20 to 23 January 2019. During the visit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen held talks with His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, and His Excellency Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, and called on His Excellency Li Zhanshu, Chairman of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, and His Excellency Wang Yang, Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

2. The Cambodian side spoke highly of the great achievements of reform and opening up of China, sincerely wished that China, under the leadership of the CPC Central Committee with General Secretary Xi Jinping as its core, would march on successfully towards the Two Centenary Goals, and believed that the Chinese people could develop China into a great modern socialist country which is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful.

The Chinese side reiterated its respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cambodia, and reaffirmed its support for Cambodia's independent policy and development in accordance with the interests of Cambodian people. The Chinese side sincerely wished that Cambodia would continuously make new and greater achievements in national development with the blessing of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia and under the leadership of the new Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia headed by Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen.

3. Both sides agreed that the Cambodia-China traditional friendship, with a long history, was a valuable treasure shared by both peoples. Over the last year, both sides took the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations as an opportunity to further expand people-to-people exchanges and deepen cooperation within the Belt and Road Initiative, bringing substantial interests to the two peoples, and making positive contribution to regional and global peace and prosperity. In the new era, both sides will further enhance the comprehensive strategic partnership, formulate an action plan for forging the Cambodia-China community of shared future with strategic significance, focus on the cooperation in politics, economy, security and people-to-people exchanges, and promote greater development of bilateral relations in the next 60 years.

4. Both sides agreed to continue close high-level contacts and maintain timely communication on issues of strategic importance. Both sides will enhance exchanges of visits and experiences between the governments, parliaments, parties, civil societies and local authorities of the two countries. Both sides will put into full play the role of the Inter-governmental Coordination Committee between Cambodia and China, in order to advance overall coordination of the pragmatic cooperation in various fields.

5. Both sides agreed to enhance exchanges and cooperation in diplomacy, national defense, law enforcement and security. Both sides will fully implement the Agreement on Strengthening Cooperation Under New Circumstances between the two Foreign Ministries, enhance pragmatic cooperation in military training, institutional education, medical service and logistics, deepen cooperation in combating transnational crimes, human trafficking, cyber crime, terrorism as well as in anti-drug operation, capacity building of law enforcement and case investigation. Both sides agreed to designate 2019 as the Year of Law Enforcement Cooperation between Cambodia and China.

6. Both sides agreed to speed up the alignment of the Belt and Road Initiative with the Rectangular Strategy, and fully implement the outline plan of both governments for jointly promoting construction of the Silk Road Economic Belt

and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. The Chinese side will continue to provide assistance within its capacity to Cambodia in developing its economy, promoting sustainable development and improving people's livelihood.

7. Both sides agreed to enhance pragmatic cooperation within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, with focus on transportation, production capacity, energy, trade, and people's livelihoods. Both sides are willing to comprehensively enhance and promote cooperation in trade, investment, infrastructure, etc, and elevate the scale and level of bilateral trade. Both sides will enhance cooperation on platforms such as the China International Import Expo, China-ASEAN Expo, etc., speed up the negotiation on the protocol on exports of fruits and other agricultural products to China, and make full use of the e-commerce and other cooperation mechanisms, in order to increase the bilateral trade volume to reach \$10 billion by 2023. Both sides agreed to fully leverage the role of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement in promoting the bilateral trade and are willing to initiate the discussion on the feasibility study of the bilateral Free Trade Agreement in due time. Both sides are satisfied with the results of the 3rd Meeting of the Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone Coordinating Committee on 10 January 2019. The Cambodian side expressed great appreciation for China's commitment to continue to support companies with high capability and credibility in investing in Cambodia and carrying out infrastructure cooperation, and to work with the Cambodian side to advance the development of Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone, the Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville Expressway, the new airport in Siem Reap and other key infrastructure projects. Both sides will continue to support companies in developing agricultural, manufacturing and processing parks,, enhance cooperation in power supply and power grid construction, advance the development and application of clean energy resources, and start up as soon as possible the 2nd term construction of projects related to people's livelihood, including water supply, road and school construction in rural areas. Both sides agreed to create favorable conditions and atmosphere for the above-mentioned cooperation.

8. Both sides agreed to deepen the all-dimensional cooperation in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, science and technology, environmental protection, digital infrastructure, and urbanization, etc. Both sides will hold the 2nd meeting of the steering committee on agricultural cooperation in due course, jointly implementing the national modern agriculture development plan of Cambodia, strengthen technological cooperation in rice breeding and advanced processing of agricultural products. Both sides will start up the project of High Value Tree Species Breeding Center of Cambodia. Both sides will enhance exchanges between young scientists from both countries, construction of scientific research platforms, and cooperation in technology transfer. Both sides will jointly advance the establishment of the Cambodia-China Environmental Cooperation Center.

9. Both sides agreed to designate the year of 2019 as the Cambodia-China Year of Culture and Tourism, and take the opportunity to further expand people-to-people exchanges and enhance mutual understanding and friendly relations between the two peoples, particularly between the young generations. Both sides will support the organization of culture, tourism and trade promotion events and counterpart friendship associations, think-tanks, media and NGOs to strengthen exchanges. Both sides will fully implement the Chinese governmental scholarship, young technical personnel training, voluntary medical service, etc. Both sides will continue to carry out the conservation and restoration of the ancient Angkor heritage, the Preah Vihear Temple and other cultural heritage in Cambodia.

10. The Cambodian side reaffirmed its resolute adherence to the One-China policy, and recognized that the government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate government representing the whole of China, and that Taiwan is an integral part of China's territory. The Cambodian side is opposed to "Taiwan Independence" in any form, and will continue to support the peaceful development of cross-strait relations and the reunification cause of China. The Chinese side highly appreciated that.

11. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the stable and continuous sound momentum of the situation in the South China Sea, and called on relevant parties

to continue to fully and effectively implement the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), deepen pragmatic maritime cooperation, and promote the consultation on the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC). The Cambodian side appreciates and supports the Chinese side in its proposal to conclude the COC consultation in 3 years, and would like to work with relevant parties to maintain the positive momentum of the consultation, strive for an early conclusion of the consultation on the basis of mutual consensus, and build the South China Sea into a sea of peace, friendship and cooperation.

12. Both sides agreed to continue to strengthen coordination and cooperation within the frameworks of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation, ASEAN-China Cooperation, East Asia Cooperation, ASEM Summits and multilateral frameworks including the UN. Both sides will jointly adhere to multilateralism and safeguard the multilateral trade system with the WTO as its core. Both sides will promote the establishment of international relations featuring mutual respect, fairness and justice, and win-win cooperation, in order to construct the community of shared future for mankind.

13. During the visit, the two sides signed cooperation documents in the fields of people's livelihood promotion, transport, and infrastructure and so on.

14. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the outcomes of the visit by Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen, and agreed that the visit injected new impetus into the development of the Cambodia-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia expressed appreciation for the warm and friendly hospitality extended by the Chinese side during the visit.

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