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At the invitation of His Excellency Bui Thanh Son, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, will virtually attend the Opening Session of the High-Level Policy Dialogue on "ASEM at 25: Strengthening Asia-Europe Partnership in a Transforming World," which will be held on 22 June 2021 in a hybrid format in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn will also be one of the Keynote Speakers at this High-Level Dialogue along with His Excellency Bui Thanh Son, His Excellency Mr. Josep Borrell, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, His Excellency Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, and His Excellency Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn's speech will mainly focus on ASEM process since its inception in 1996, its role as one of the cornerstones of global governance, revitalization of multilateralism to tackle global challenges, such as the COVID-19 and its socio-economic impacts. To this end, the ASEM13 theme that Cambodia has proposed - "Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth" - is more relevant than ever. His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn will also share his vision for ASEM in the coming years, especially its multi-layered cooperation for peace and development in Asia and Europe.



This High-Level Dialogue, in commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEM, will provide an opportunity for all ASEM Partners and stakeholders to (1) reflect on ASEM's past achievements; (2) assess new and emerging trends that may impact ASEM's roles; (3) identify ASEM's main areas of cooperation; and (4) further advance Asia-Europe partnership in the today's changing world. 

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