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Outcomes of the official visit of His Excellency Don PRAMUDWINAI, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, to the Kingdom of Cambodia and the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (11<sup>th</sup> JC Meeting) between Cambodia and Thailand (Phnom Penh, 16-18 December 2021)



At the invitation of His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, His Excellency Don PRAMUDWINAI, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand led a delegation to pay an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia and co-chaired the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (11<sup>th</sup> JC Meeting) between Cambodia and Thailand from 16 to 18 December 2021 in Phnom Penh.

On 17 December 2021, His Excellency Don PRAMUDWINAI paid a courtesy call on Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, during which he conveyed warmest regards and congratulations from His Excellency General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, to Samdech Techo Prime Minister for Cambodia's great success in hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit and expressed Thailand's full support for Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022. His Excellency Don PRAMUDWINAI also praised Samdech Techo Prime Minister for successfully combating and preventing the outbreak of COVID-19 by rolling-out the vaccines to 90% of the total population and highly commended Samdech Techo Prime Minister for achieving speedy national development to Cambodia.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister highly appreciated the congratulatory message of His Excellency General Prayut Chan-o-cha and highly praised the traditional friendly ties and growing cooperation between our two countries.



On 18 December 2021, His Excellency Don PRAMUDWINAI had a bilateral meeting with His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, during which the two Foreign Ministers discussed about bilateral cooperation on the areas such as trade and investment, tourism, connectivity, and people-to-people exchange. Both Foreign Ministers also exchanged their views on regional issues of common interest.

During the 11<sup>th</sup> JC Meeting, Under the theme of “Peace, Prosperity and Recovery Together”, the two Deputy Prime Ministers and Ministers of Foreign Affairs reviewed the progress of the implementation of the Record of Discussion of the 10<sup>th</sup> JC Meeting in 2016 as well as the outcomes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Cabinet Retreat in 2017.

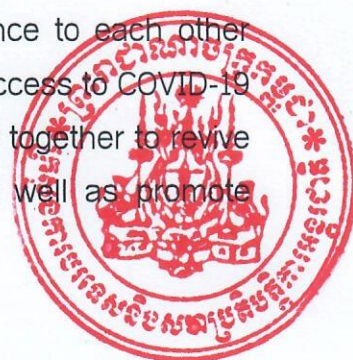
The 11<sup>th</sup> JC Meeting touched on every aspects of the cooperation between the two countries including political-security, economic, socio-cultural, sub-regional and regional cooperation and many other areas.

Both sides agreed to further promote regular exchanges of visits and meetings between Leaders of the two countries, ministries, institutions and local authorities to strengthen cooperation in all fields, enhance the traditional friendly relations between the two countries as well as deepen connectivity and border of friendship. The two sides also stressed the need to promote training and information sharing in the fields of security, illegal logging, drug, arms and human trafficking along the border.

With Thailand as one of Cambodia’s biggest trading partners in the region, the ministers are confident that the two countries could achieve the bilateral trade target of 15 billion USD by 2025.

The two Foreign Ministers agreed to task relevant institutions to seek innovative ways to further expand the scope and explore more opportunities to boost Cambodia-Thailand trade and investment. Both sides agreed to accelerate the conclusion of the MoU on Transit of Goods as well as discuss the phytosanitary certification procedures for import and export of agricultural products. Both sides also highlighted the importance of the opening of new international check points which will facilitate faster and better transportation and increase the volume of bilateral trade between the two Kingdoms.

The two sides are pleased with the support and assistance to each other during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the provision of equal access to COVID-19 vaccine and medical care. Both sides also agreed to work closely together to revive the economy from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as promote



connectivity and cooperation along the border. Cambodian side highly appreciated Royal Thai Government for granting permission to the Cambodian workers whose Overseas Cambodian Worker Card (OCWC) and Travel Document (TD) have expired to stay and work in Thailand until 13 February 2023. Cambodia praised the joint efforts and close cooperation between the authorities concerned to timely respond and facilitate repatriation, hospitalization, and quarantine of Cambodian citizens during the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

On education and human resources development, Cambodia appreciated Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, the Royal Thai Government and Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) for providing scholarships, short- and long-term training courses and seminars to Cambodian students and government officials to pursue their studies in Thailand.

The two Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their strong commitment to continue working closely with each other to further promote close cooperation under regional and multilateral frameworks. His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn also reiterated his sincere appreciation to Thailand for her full support for Cambodia as the host of ASEM13 and as an incoming ASEAN Chair in 2022.

Both sides also looked forward to the Fourth Cambodia-Thailand Joint Cabinet Retreat which will be hosted by the Thai side at the mutually convenient time and agreed to convene the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (12<sup>th</sup> JC Meeting) between Cambodia and Thailand in Bangkok, Thailand in 2023.



Phnom Penh, 20 December 2021