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**PRESS RELEASE**

**“Cambodia, China Prepare for People-to-People Exchange Year in 2024”**

On 31 October 2023, His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, engaged in a productive discussion with His Excellency Wang Wentian, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Cambodia, during the latter’s courtesy call at the Ministry.

The two parties commended the remarkable growth of Cambodia-China relations and cooperation of mutual benefits for both nations and citizens, and shared optimism that the close partnership will further flourish. They reaffirmed the unwavering commitment to implementing the agreements and consensus reached by both countries’ top leaders, including ( 1 ) the launch of the "Diamond Cooperation" and ( 2 ) the establishment of the "Industrial and Technological Corridor" and "Fish and Rice Corridor," as agreed upon by Samdech Techo HUN Sen and His Excellency President Xi Jinping in February 2023.

Both sides noted with satisfaction the fruitful meetings between Samdech Thipadei HUN Manet and Chinese leaders, particularly the engagements with His Excellency President XI Jinping and His Excellency Premier LI Qiang during Samdech Thipadei's visits to China. His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister and His Excellency the Ambassador agreed to initiate a comprehensive series of activities in preparation for the "People-to-People Exchange Year" scheduled in 2024, aimed at further attracting Chinese tourists to Cambodia.



His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister extended his profound appreciation to His Excellency the Ambassador for his pivotal role in facilitating the high-level visits and summits between the two nations' top leadership, and to the government of the People's Republic of China for the invaluable assistance and support, making a significant contribution to the Kingdom's socio-economic development.

In addition to their discussion on bilateral agenda, the two sides exchanged views on regional and international issues of common interest and concern, including ASEAN-China partnership and the importance of upholding ASEAN centrality.

Phnom Penh, 31 October 2023

