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PRESS RELEASE

“Cambodia, Japan to augment peacekeeping and mine action cooperation”

Phnom Penh, 07 March 2023 – “Cambodia demonstrates a good model in field of international peace and security, and is recognized as a peace provider,” praised His Excellency KANO Takehiro, Director General of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office of Japan, during his courtesy call upon His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, on 07 March 2023 at the Ministry.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the robust bilateral relationship, upgraded to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership this year. They touched base on peacekeeping and mine action partnership in bilateral, trilateral and the UN frameworks. The Deputy Prime Minister recalled with appreciation the significant contribution of Japan’s Self-Defense Force to peacekeeping process as well as Japan’s ongoing support for the Kingdom’s reconstruction and comprehensive development.

The Director General affirmed Japan’s readiness to work with Cambodia as a host country of the UN Triangular Partnership Program in 2024 to strengthen regional engineering capabilities in the peacekeeping missions. They reiterated the commitment to further enhancing collaboration in the spheres of international peace and security through training and equipment provision.

Both sides also exchanged views on some regional issues. The Director General applauded the success of Cambodia’s chairmanship of ASEAN and the challenging role of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair to Myanmar last year, and emphasized that the hard work of Cambodia is well recognized by Japan and international community. ENDS