



**KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA  
NATION RELIGION KING**

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Outcomes of the Meeting Between His Excellency OUCH Borith, Minister Delegate attached to the Prime Minister and Standing Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, Assistant to the UN Secretary-General and Regional Director of UNDP for Asia and the Pacific**

\* \* \* \* \*

On 09 September 2022, His Excellency Ouch Borith, Minister delegate attached to the Prime Minister and Standing Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received a courtesy call by Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, Assistant to the United Nations Secretary-General and Regional Director of UNDP for Asia and the Pacific, who was on a working visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 8 to 12 September 2022.

Minister Delegate Ouch Borith expressed his warm welcome to Ms. Kanni Wignaraja and reassured her of the Royal Government of Cambodia's full support for the work of the UNDP in Cambodia. He highly appreciated the good cooperation between Cambodia and the UNDP and thanked the UNDP for assisting Cambodia's socio-economic development effort and in fighting against the Covid-19 pandemic. He underscored the importance of the UNDP's contribution in releasing mine-contaminated land in line with Cambodian SDG 18 on mine-free Cambodia by 2025. On the graduation from the Least Developed Countries (LDC) status, His Excellency Minister Delegate pointed out that Cambodia has fulfilled the three required criteria and needed to do the same for second time in 2024 to completely graduate from the LDC status. He hoped that the new Country Programme Document 2024-2028 between the Royal Government of Cambodia and UNDP assist Cambodia to realize this goal.



Ms. Kanni Wignaraja was impressed to see Cambodia's rapid development in all fields. She was very pleased with the good cooperation between the Royal Government of Cambodia and UNDP. She emphasized that for the new CPD 2024-2028, she wanted to have more engagement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation as well as the Ministry of Economy and Finance and other stakeholders to make Cambodia more competitive in the region.

While H.E. Ouch Borith and Ms. Kanni Wignaraja were satisfied with the good cooperation between Cambodia and UNDP, they shared the same commitment to further enhance it.

Phnom Penh, 09 September 2022

