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Cambodian, Australian Prime Ministers Discuss Cooperation

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and **the Honorable Anthony Albanese**, Prime Minister of Australia, had a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summits and Related Summits on 12 November 2022, during which the two Prime Ministers shared the pleasure on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Cambodia and Australia. They spoke highly of the growing relations and cooperation in all areas between the two countries.

The two Prime Ministers discussed efforts to further strengthening and deepening bilateral cooperation and noted with delight the good cooperation in trade and investment, including in gold mine exploration. While congratulating the Kingdom's remarkable development, **the Hon. Anthony Albanese** commended the Royal Government of Cambodia for the successful prevention and control the spread of COVID-19 in the Kingdom.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister highly appreciated the Australian Government for its contribution to the peace process in Cambodia and continued assistance to the socio-economic development in the Kingdom through the provision of Official Development Assistance in various fields, including education, agriculture, infrastructure, demining, and health, in particular the timely donation of nearly 3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines and other medical equipment. **Samdech Techo** asked Australia to continue its assistance on demining to help Cambodia reach its goal for "A Mine-Free Cambodia by 2025".

In the ASEAN framework, the two Leaders welcomed the progress of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between ASEAN and Australia. **Samdech**

Techo Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for Australia's support to Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022. Prime Minister Albanese highly appreciated Samdech Techo's leadership as ASEAN Chair 2022 and in searching for solution on Myanmar crisis. He thanked Samdech Techo for appealing for the release of Australian Prof. Sean Turnell.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister and **the Hon. Anthony Albanese** exchanged views on various regional and international issues of common concerns as well.

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