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“Cambodia, Dominica vows to explore bilateral cooperation”

Phnom Penh, 24 March 2023 – His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy of the Commonwealth of Dominica, concluded his official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia on 23-24 March 2023.

At the bilateral meeting on 23 March 2023, His Excellency OUCH Borith, Acting Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Minister-Delegate attached to the Prime Minister, and His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson affirmed the commitment to strengthening the two countries’ relations at bilateral and multilateral frameworks.

His Excellency Acting Minister briefed political and economic situation, including the Kingdom’s efforts to secure and maintain hard-won peace and stability, democracy and human rights. The Kingdom’s potential commodities for trading and a range of incentives under the new Investment Law, were also presented.

His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson praised the level of Cambodia’s development and improvement of the people’s lives due to the peace and stability that Cambodia has maintained. He agreed that the key to development is peace and stability, and on the challenges that small states experienced in the context of superpower competition.

Both sides discussed ways and means to unlock potentials in some areas of common interest, namely trade and investment, agriculture, technical and vocational training, ecotourism and hospitality. They agreed in principle to explore a possibility of creating a bilateral consultation mechanism between the two foreign ministries, and agreed to mutual support at multilateral fora, particularly the United Nations system.

Following the deliberation, His Excellency OUCH Borith and His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson signed the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica on the Exemption of Visa Requirements for Holders of Diplomatic and Service/Official Passports.

On 24 March 2023, His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson paid a courtesy call upon Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, who regarded this first visit by the Foreign Minister as a good start to explore mutually beneficial cooperation after the two countries established the diplomatic relations 13 years ago. Samdech Techo Prime Minister welcomed the signing of the visa-waiver agreement for diplomatic and service passports, which paves the way for further interactions, and highlighted some key areas of potential cooperation in agriculture, fishing and tourism that the two countries can exchange experiences.

Impressed by the advancement of Cambodia, His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson commended Samdech Techo Prime Minister for modesty but vigor in bringing Cambodia's peace, stability and development as well as emphasized that Samdech Techo has a lot to share with the world. The Foreign Minister agreed to the prospect for cooperation in above-said fields, looked forward to strengthening the two countries' relations, and offered to be the contact point for Cambodia into other Caribbean countries.

Both Samdech Techo Prime Minister and His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson shared the view that small states attach great importance to a rule-based international system and agreed to mutual support at multilateral framework, particularly the United Nations. ENDS