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**Outcomes of Official Visit of Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn
to the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the 15th Meeting of the
Cambodia-Laos Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation**

At the Invitation of His Excellency Thongsavan PHOMVIHANE, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), His Excellency **PRAK Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, paid an official visit to the Lao PDR and co-chaired the 15th Meeting of the Cambodia-Laos Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC), in Vientiane from 26 to 28 November 2025.

During the separate courtesy calls on His Excellency Thongloun SISOULITH, President, and His Excellency Dr. Sonexay SIPHANDONE, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR, H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn** conveyed the warmest greetings and heartfelt congratulations from His Majesty the King **Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI**, **Samdech Techo HUN Sen**, President of the Senate, and **Samdech Thipadei HUN Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to the Lao leaders on the auspicious occasion of the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the National Day of the Lao PDR.

The Leaders of Lao PDR conveyed their best wishes to His Majesty the King of Cambodia and warmest greetings to **Samdech Techo HUN Sen** and **Samdech Thipadei HUN Manet**. The Lao leaders and H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** highly valued the brotherly relations between the two countries and reaffirmed their commitment to further deepening the friendship, solidarity, and Comprehensive and Long-Lasting Strategic Partnership between Cambodia and Laos, in the spirit of traditional friendship and good neighborliness.

In the morning of 27 November, during the 15th JCBC Meeting, H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn** and H.E. **Minister Thongsavan PHOMVIHANE** briefed each other on the recent developments of their respective countries and had in-depth discussions on ways and means to further deepen the Comprehensive and Long-lasting Strategic Partnership between the two countries. Both sides expressed deep satisfaction with the progress achieved in bilateral and multilateral cooperation since



the 14th JCBC Meeting and reaffirmed their commitment to further deepening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation across multiple fields.

On **political cooperation**, the two Ministers emphasized the importance of regular all-level exchanges in strengthening the longstanding bonds of friendship and solidarity between the two countries. Both sides applauded the fruitful outcomes of bilateral visits, including those of **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to Laos in March 2024; **H.E. Dr. Sonexay SIPHANDONE**, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR, to Cambodia in December 2024; and **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen**, President of the Senate, to Laos in February 2025. The two Ministers agreed to establish a working mechanism to further consultations between the two Foreign Ministries.

On **economic cooperation**, both Ministers recognized significant potential for expanding trade and investment and agreed to promote closer business-to-business engagement. They recalled the successful outcome of the 2nd Meeting of the Cambodia–Laos Joint Trade Committee (JTC) held in January 2025 in Vientiane, and reaffirmed their commitment to intensifying trade exchanges and exploring new areas of cooperation.

On **border issues**, both sides commended the substantive results of the boundary demarcation and abornement and expressed their strong commitment to accelerating work on the remaining of border segments. They reiterated their shared determination to build a common border of peace, friendship, development and cooperation between the two countries.

The two Ministers expressed their commitment to strengthening cooperation in the energy sector through the active implementation of existing agreements and MoUs. **H.E. PRAK Sokhonn** conveyed his deep appreciation for Laos’ energy supply in helping to meet Cambodia’s needs. Both sides also held comprehensive discussions on other key areas, including agriculture, connectivity, tourism, people-to-people linkages, and education.

Both Ministers also exchanged views on regional and international developments of mutual interest. They reaffirmed their shared resolve to close coordination in global and regional issues to promote peace, security, and stability, and pledged to continue supporting each other in regional and international fora. While reaffirming Lao PDR's strong support, **H.E. Minister Thongsavan PHOMVIHANE** wished Cambodia greater success in hosting the upcoming 20th Francophonie Summit in 2026.

The meeting concluded with the signing of Agreed Minutes of the 15th JCBC Meeting and agreed to hold the 16th JCBC Meeting in Cambodia in 2027.

Phnom Penh, 28 November 2025

