

Media Advisory

To laud the efforts to deepen mutual understanding, trust and friendship among youth, as reflected in the Chairman's Statement of the 19th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit issued last November 2017 in Manila, the ASEAN-ROK Youth Exchange Visit will be held from 10-13 December 2017 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, under the theme "**Nurturing Youth Leadership, Cultivating Future Leaders**". Over 240 youth from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) are invited to join the event, which is one of the many activities marking the ASEAN-ROK Cultural Exchange Year in 2017. Representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, the Mission of the Republic of Korea to ASEAN, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Cambodia, the ASEAN-Korea Centre will also participate in this important gathering.

Representing **H.E. PRAK Sokhonn**, Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia (MFA.IC), **H.E. Dr. SOK Siphana**, Advisor to the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia will preside over the Opening Ceremony of ASEAN-ROK Youth Exchange Visit on 11th December 2017.

Other dignitaries are expected to attend the event, including **H.E. KAN Pharidh**, Under-Secretary of State of MFA.IC and ASEAN SOM Leader of Cambodia, **H.E. OUK Sorphorn**, Director-General of ASEAN-Cambodia of MFA.IC, **Mr. KHIM Finan**, Vice President of the Union of Youth Federation of Cambodia in Siem Reap, **Mr. HAHM Jeong-han**, Chargé d'Affaires ad Interim of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Cambodia and **Mr. JOSE Santiago Fonacier Olaguera**, Head of Youth Delegation from the Philippines. This three-day program aims to promote awareness of people-centred ASEAN Community and foster greater understanding and awareness of ASEAN-ROK Cooperation; to encourage youth to gain and expand their networking; and to provide a friendly platform for youth to share their personal views and working experiences in youth leadership development.

The Exchange Visit will involve three main activities, namely (1) classroom presentations and discussions, (2) site visits to Angkor Wat temple and other historic places in Siem Reap, and (3) group cultural performances by youth participants from each AMS and the ROK.

During the classroom presentation activities, youth participants will also have the opportunity to speak on the following sessions:

- Roles and contribution of ASEAN-ROK Youth in community and public work;
- Key challenges facing ASEAN-ROK Youth Participation in community and public work;
- Roles of ASEAN-ROK Private Sector in nurturing youth future leadership; and
- Recommendation of the ASEAN-ROK Youth in promoting future youth leadership.
