

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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Press Release

At the invitation of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia, His Excellency NGUYEN PHU TRONG, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam, will pay a state visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 20 to 22 July 2017.

During the visit, His Excellency NGUYEN PHU TRONG will be received in Royal Audiences by His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia, and Her Majesty Queen-Mother NORODOM MONINEATH SIHANOUK of Cambodia, at the Throne Hall and Preah Reach Damnak Kantha Bopha, the Royal Palace, respectively.

His Excellency the General Secretary will call on His Holiness Samdech Preah Akka Maha Sangharajah dhipati TEP VONG, Great Supreme Patriarch of Mahanikaya, and His Holiness Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Maha Sangharajah Dhipati BOUR KRY, Great Supreme Patriarch of Dhammayuttikanikaya of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

His Excellency NGUYEN PHU TRONG will hold separate meetings with Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei SAY CHHUM, President of the Senate, Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN, President of the National Assembly.

His Excellency NGUYEN PHU TRONG and Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, will have an official meeting. After the meeting, both leaders will preside over the signing ceremony on the Joint Statement on Strengthening the Cambodia-Viet Nam Friendship and Cooperation and a number of documents.

His Excellency NGUYEN PHU TRONG and Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei SAY CHHUM will also preside over the inauguration ceremony of the Monument of Cambodian-Vietnamese Friendship in Preah Sihanouk province.

As this year marks the 50th Anniversary of Cambodia-Viet Nam diplomatic relations, His Excellency the General Secretary's state visit will indicate the strong and endured friendship and cooperation between the two countries, which would play a significant role in improving bilateral relations in all fields.

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