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**Outcomes of the participation of
Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
at the 34th ASEAN Summit
22-23 June 2019, Bangkok**

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, participated at the 34th ASEAN Summit, which was held under the theme "Advancing Partnership for Sustainability" in Bangkok, Thailand on 22 and 23 June 2019.

At the Summit, the ASEAN Leaders emphasized the importance of advancing partnership for sustainability to achieve a people-centred, people-oriented and forward-looking ASEAN Community that leaves no one behind. In the rapidly changing regional and global environment as well as in the fast growing of digital innovative technology, they agreed to enhance cybersecurity cooperation and building a safe, secure and resilient cyberspace to support the digital economy of the ASEAN region. They reiterated their commitment to conclude the Regional Cooperation Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations by this year. They expressed also their concerns over the rise of protectionism and anti-globalisation sentiments that could affect global economic performance and put multilateralism under threat.

The Leaders noted with satisfaction the adoption of the "ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement on Partnership for Sustainability" and the "Concept Note and Terms of Reference for the Network of ASEAN Associations of ASEAN Member States", which would help promoting greater public awareness of ASEAN and ASEAN identity. To their concerns over the high and rapidly increasing levels of marine debris, they agreed to adopt the "Bangkok Declaration on Combatting Marine Debris in ASEAN Region".



The Leaders were briefed on the latest developments on the situation in the Rakhine State, Myanmar and agreed to further enhance the role of ASEAN to support Myanmar in providing humanitarian assistance and facilitating the repatriation process. In this context, Cambodia has made financial contribution of 90,000 USD to assist humanitarian efforts in the Rakhine State.

On the South China Sea issue, the Leaders reaffirmed the importance of maintaining and promoting peace, security and stability in the region. They recognized the benefits of having the South China Sea as a sea of peace, stability and prosperity. They welcomed efforts to complete the first reading of the Single Draft Negotiated Text COC by this year. On the Korean Peninsula, they stressed the importance of continued peaceful dialogue amongst all parties concerned in order to realize a lasting peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula. They also welcomed the initiatives and efforts by all parties concerned to continue their engagement with the DPRK to find a peaceful solution for the region.

Addressing the Summit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister HUN SEN stressed specifically on: 1) the need to safeguarding and strengthening the ASEAN Centrality and Unity; 2) ways forward in building the ASEAN Community; 3) the need of strong political support to finalize the RCEP's negotiation by 2019; 4) the need of further enhancing cooperation to realise regional integration efforts through effective implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration Work Plan III; 5) the importance of the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025; 6) the Work of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC); and 7) the work of the ASEAN Smart Cities Network.

The 34th ASEAN Summit adopted 4 main documents, namely: 1) the ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement on Partnership for Sustainability; 2) the Bangkok Declaration on Combating Marine Debris in ASEAN Region; 3) the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on the ASEAN Cultural Year 2019; and 4) the ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific. Moreover, the ASEAN Satellite Warehouse in Chainat Province under the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) was launched at the Opening Session of the ASEAN Summit.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister, together with other ASEAN Leaders, held the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with the Representatives of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, the Representatives of ASEAN Business Advisory Council and the Representatives of ASEAN Youth.

In addition, Samdech Techo Prime Minister HUN SEN had a cordial breakfast with H.E. Prime Minister of Viet Nam Nguyen Xuan Phuc and H.E. Prime Minister of Laos Thongloun Sisoulith. Samdech Techo also had a brief bilateral discussion with H.E. Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong.

Phnom Penh, 24 June 2019.

