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**Samdech Techo Prime Minister Discusses
Cambodia's SCO Observer Application with SCO Secretary-General**

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, thanked **H.E. Mr. Zhang Ming**, Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) for his coordination in favor of Cambodian bid to become an Observer of the SCO and underlined the country's readiness to comply with the Organization's recommendations and to endeavor to reach this goal, in a meeting on 11 November 2022 on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summits and Related Summits.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister and Secretary-General Zhang Ming discussed at length the Cambodian application for SCO Observer after becoming Dialogue Partner of this organization in 2015. Since becoming SCO's Dialogue Partner in 2015, Cambodia has contributed in promoting the cooperation between ASEAN-SCO, said Samdech Techo Prime Minister, underlining Cambodia's active engagement in different regional and international organizations with an aim at strengthening the friendship and maintaining peace, stability and security.

While congratulating the government and people of Cambodia for the great changes over the last 10 years following his first visit, Secretary-General Zhang Ming thanked Samdech Techo Prime Minister for the invitation extended to him to attend the Related Summits and highly appreciated Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship.

He praised Cambodia for its active engagement in promoting ASEAN-SCO relations and highlighted the SCO's internal process for a country to be elevated from

Dialogue Partner status to Observer of SCO and expressed his hope that Cambodia will become SCO Observer.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister and the Secretary-General discussed and shared the commitment to further strengthening the cooperation between ASEAN and SCO.

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