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Cambodia, as the host of the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit (ASEM13), will organize this historical event on 25-26 November 2021 via videoconference from the Peace Palace, Phnom Penh. The Summit will be chaired by **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and participated by the Heads of State/Government and high-level representatives of 51 ASEM countries from Asia and Europe, the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission, and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The ASEM13, under the theme "Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth", will provide timely opportunity for Leaders from both Asia and Europe to reaffirm the importance of ASEM cooperation in tackling global and regional issues of mutual interests, including the COVID-19 pandemic and its socio-economic impacts.

Preceding the ASEM13, representatives from the ASEM13 Side Events will deliver their statements, including **Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG Samrin**, President of the National Assembly of Cambodia and co-president of the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting; **H.E. PAN Sorasak**, Minister of Commerce and co-organizer of Asia-Europe Business and Economic Forum; **H.E. Mrs. ING Kantha Phavi**, Minister of Women's Affairs and organizer of Asia-Europe Forum on Women, Peace, and Security; as well as representatives from ASEF Young Leaders Summit and Asia-Europe People Forum.

During the two-day meeting, the ASEM Leaders will discuss the ASEM's Role in Promoting Multilateralism, which focuses on a number of topics including: 1) ASEM at its 25: Achievement, Challenges, and Way Forward; 2) Revitalizing




Multilateralism for Global Peace and Stability; 3) Strengthening rule-based trading system; 4) Inclusive and Sustainable Growth and Developments; 5) Connectivity; 6) Women, Peace, and Security; and 7) Climate Change.

The ASEM Leaders will also discuss the COVID-19 and Socio-Economic Recovery/Development, which focuses on 1) Addressing issues caused by COVID-19; 2) Advancing Post-COVID-19 Socio-Economic Recovery for Shared Growth; and 3) Rebuilding a Resilient Future.

During the Retreat Session, the ASEM Leaders will have an opportunity to express and exchange their points of view in a free, frank and constructive manner on global and regional issues.

Under Cambodia's Chairmanship, the ASEM13 will adopt three main outcome documents namely: (1) ASEM13 Chair's Statement; (2) Phnom Penh Statement on the Post-COVID-19 Socio-Economic Recovery; and (3) The Way Forward on ASEM Connectivity.

Hosting the ASEM13 reflects Cambodia's commitment at its highest level to the advancement of multilateralism as much as its active engagement with the international community to tackle current and emerging global challenges. .

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