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**Outcomes of the State Visit of  
His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI,  
King of Cambodia, to the Republic of India  
29-31 May 2023**

Phnom Penh, 31 May 2023 - At the invitation of **Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu**, President of the Republic of India, **His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI**, King of Cambodia, paid a State Visit to the Republic of India from 29 to 31 May 2023 to jointly commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the two countries.

During the visit, **His Majesty NORODOM SIHAMONI** had a Royal Audience with **Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu**, President, and **His Excellency Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, and accorded separate Royal Audiences to **His Excellency Jagdeep Dhankhar**, Vice President, and **His Excellency Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India. **His Majesty** paid floral tributes at the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi. **Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu** also hosted a State Banquet in honor of **His Majesty** and his delegation at the Presidential Palace Rashtrapati Bhavan.

**His Majesty NORODOM SIHAMONI** and the Leaders of India recalled the special affinity between **His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah NORODOM SIHANOUK**, **Preah BOROM RATANAK KAUDH**, and **His Excellency Jawaharlal Nehru**, the first Prime Minister of the Republic of India, which have built a solid foundation for the growing

cordial relations of friendship and close cooperation between the two countries, deeply rooted in the shared historic, religious, cultural, and linguistic heritages.

**Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu** and other Leaders of India warmly welcomed the State Visit by **His Majesty NORODOM SIHAMONI** to India as a historic milestone and expressed strong conviction that this visit would elevate the excellent bilateral ties to greater heights and further develop fruitful cooperation between the two friendly countries. The Indian side also noted with satisfaction the exchange of visits and cooperation between the two parliaments.

**His Majesty NORODOM SIHAMONI** recalled with deep gratitude India's early recognition and strong support for Cambodia during economic and political turmoil when the country was liberated from the genocidal regime of Pol Pot and the dispatch of her peacekeepers for Cambodia's peace process in the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) Mission in early 1990s.

**His Majesty NORODOM SIHAMONI** and the Leaders of India highly valued the flourishing bilateral relations and cooperation which have been constantly nurtured by both leaders and peoples over the past 70 years in many areas of shared interests, including politics, economy, trade, investment, tourism, education, culture, people-to-people connectivity, and defense through regular exchange of visits and close interactions between the leaders and senior officials of the two countries. **His Majesty NORODOM SIHAMONI** highly appreciated India's contribution to Cambodia's socio-economic development through the Line of Credit and grants-in-aid, while the Indian side reaffirmed its continued support for the restoration and conservation of ancient temples and the mine clearance activities in Cambodia as well as other mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries in the years to come. During the discussion with **His Majesty, His Excellency Prime Minister Narendra Modi** offered to conserve the Ramayana murals in the Royal Palace.

The two sides expressed firm confidence that the solid foundation of their bilateral relations would serve as the steppingstone to further deepen and foster excellent cooperation in all areas of common interests toward a bright and prosperous future of the two countries.

Apart from the bilateral relations, both sides also expressed mutual support in regional and international fora, including Mekong-Ganga Cooperation, ASEAN and the United Nations.

**His Majesty NORODOM SIHAMONI** expressed his gratitude to **Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu**, Leaders, and the people of India, for the warm welcome and gracious hospitality extended to him and his delegation during their stay in India. **His Majesty** also extended a cordial invitation to **Her Excellency President Droupadi Murmu** to visit the Kingdom of Cambodia at a mutually convenient time. **Her Excellency President Droupadi Murmu** accepted the invitation with pleasure and expressed her high appreciation to **His Majesty the King of Cambodia**. END