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**Outcomes of the Official Visit of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen,  
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia,  
to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam from 6 to 8 December 2018**

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At the invitation of His Excellency **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a high delegation to pay an official visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam from 6 to 8 December 2018, with a view to foster friendly relations and promote cooperation between the two countries. During this visit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister made courtesy calls on His Excellency **Nguyen Phu Trong**, General Secretary of the Communist Party and President of Viet Nam, and Her Excellency **Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan**, Chairwoman of Viet Nam's National Assembly and held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Prime Minister **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**.

Cordially welcoming the visit of Samdech Techo **Hun Sen**, the Vietnamese leaders expressed great pleasure to see Cambodia's remarkable development progress and enhanced stature thanks to the stewardship of the Royal Government with Samdech Techo Hun Sen at the helm. Samdech Techo Prime Minister congratulated Viet Nam's outstanding socio-economic achievement which is not only propelling the country toward its industrialization and modernization goals, but also contributing to the economic growth and prosperity in the region.

On the overall state of bilateral relations, the Vietnamese leaders look forward to warmly welcoming the visit of **His Majesty Preah Karuna Preah Bat Preah Baromneath Norodom Sihamoni, the King of Cambodia** to Viet Nam before the end of this year, which will significantly enhance the bonds of traditional friendship between Cambodia and Vietnam in addition to other recent high-level visits. Samdech Techo Hun Sen and the Vietnamese leaders recalled the long-standing friendship and solidarity cherished between the two nations, and reaffirmed shared determination to further strengthen and nurture the fraternal ties, good neighborliness, mutual trust and fruitful cooperation to serve the interests of the two people. They also agreed to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the joint struggle to topple the genocidal regime of Pol Pot.

Samdech Techo **Hun Sen** had a frank and cordial discussion with His Excellency Prime Minister **Nguyen Xuan Phuc** on a wide range of issues concerning bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Expressing satisfaction over the expanding bilateral trade, the two leaders agreed to strive further to achieve and surpass the target of USD 5 billion by 2020. In this connection, the two leaders shared the view that both countries should endeavor to fully implement existing agreements and expedite conclusion of relevant additional agreements to improve connectivity, facilitate cross-border transport and access, promote trade, business, and investment and tourism exchanges and expand power supply collaboration.



On security matters, Samdech Techo **Hun Sen** and His Excellency **Nguyen Xuan Phuc** committed to increase cooperation and timely information sharing for the prevention cross-border crimes including illegal logging and mitigation of the impact of natural disasters. They also touched on enhancing cooperation in the fields of education and culture. His Excellency **Nguyen Xuan Phuc** agreed with the proposal to establish an Agreement on the Prevention of Looting and Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property of the two countries.


The two leaders discussed at length on addressing border issues. They welcome the achievement on delimitation and demarcation and agreed to urge both sides of the Joint Border Commission (JBC) to accelerate completion of the remaining 16% work on land border, based on the spirit of amity and good neighborliness in order to build a common border of friendship, stability and long-lasting cooperation for future generations to enjoy.

Apart from bilateral cooperation, Samdech Techo **Hun Sen** and His Excellency **Nguyen Xuan Phuc** expressed resolve to work closely together to contribute to building a strong and cohesive ASEAN and to maximize benefits from sub-region frameworks including Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam Development Triangle and GMS so as to realize Sustainable Development Goals 2030. They pledged to support each other for the successful hosting of ASEM Summit by Cambodia and Chairing of ASEAN by Viet Nam in 2020.

Following their fruitful bilateral talk, both Prime Ministers witnessed the signing of five documents on Cambodia-Viet Nam cooperation, namely **(1)** Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation Strategy in Transport Sector for 2018-2025, Vision to 2030, **(2)** Memorandum of Understanding on the Finalization of the Negotiation of Agreement on Border Trade, **(3)** Education Cooperation Plan for 2019, **(4)** Agreed Minute of the Meeting between the JBC of Cambodia and Viet Nam, **(5)** Memorandum of Understanding on the Project of Constructing the Voluntary and Community Based Treatment Services Centre for Drug Addicts in Preah Sihanouk Province.

The two Prime Ministers jointly graced the Viet Nam-Cambodia Business Forum which was attended by around 400 business representatives from Cambodia and Viet Nam, where they pledged to assist and facilitate business and investment exchanges between the two countries.

During this official visit, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** also laid wreath at the Memorial of National Heroes and Martyrs at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and received a courtesy call by a delegation of the Viet Nam-Cambodia Friendship Association.

**Samdech Techo Prime Minister**, cordially invited His Excellency Prime Minister **Nguyen Xuan Phuc** to pay an official visit to Cambodia on a convenient date, which he accepted with great pleasure. 

Phnom Penh, 08 December 2018

