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**PRESS RELEASE**

**“Cambodia, Thailand confident of further expansion of the multi-faceted ties”**

Phnom Penh, 16 February 2023 – His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and His Excellency Cherdkiat Atthakor, the new Ambassador of Thailand to Cambodia, expressed deep satisfaction with the robust bilateral relationship and were confident of further expansion of across-the-board cooperation between the two countries, during the latter’s courtesy call held on 16 February 2023 at the Ministry.

Both sides touched base on a number of bilateral partnership, namely trade and investment, labor, education, de-mining, infrastructure and connectivity, including international border checkpoints. They attached importance to joint efforts to realize the two-way trade goal of USD 15 billion by 2025, and to de-mining operation along the border without waiting for the conclusion of delimitation. The two countries’ authorities concerned are developing the next 3-year development cooperation program (2023-2025).

The Deputy Prime Minister sought Thailand’s enduring care provided to Cambodian workers and the Kingdom’s renewed offer of scholarships to Cambodian students. As a former junior Thai diplomat in Phnom Penh thirty years ago, Ambassador Atthakor has witnessed with impression the rapid growth of Cambodia. Moreover, the preparation of the Deputy Prime Minister’s official visit to Thailand, scheduled later this month, was briefed by the Ambassador.

The new envoy congratulated Cambodia on achievements of ASEAN chairmanship, and praised the Deputy Prime Minister’s vital role as the Special Envoy on Myanmar last year. The Deputy Prime Minister also applauded Thailand for successful chairmanship of APEC in 2022. ENDS