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**Prime Ministers of Cambodia and New Zealand Discuss Cooperation Expansion**

**Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and **The Rt Hon Christopher Luxon**, Prime Minister of New Zealand, expressed satisfaction with the progress of the longstanding relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, during a bilateral meeting held on 10 October 2024, on the margins of the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits in Vientiane.

**The Rt Hon Christopher Luxon** lauded Cambodia's rapid economic growth and social progress, and expressed commitment to further support Cambodia's development in areas that New Zealand has comparative advantages. **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** expressed deep appreciation to New Zealand for contributing to Cambodia's peace process and peacekeeping, especially in demining training in the 1990s, and assistance for Cambodia's socio-economic development, including in the fields of education, agriculture, demining and building resilience.

Both Prime Ministers acknowledged that there is still much potential to expand economic relations between Cambodia and New Zealand, and agreed to further promote bilateral cooperation in trade and investment, encourage business collaboration in agriculture, agro-industry and clean energy. They committed to enhance people-to-people connectivity and cooperation in education, including technical and vocational education training (TVET). To this end both **Prime Ministers** stressed the importance of formalizing regular consultations between the two Foreign Ministries to explore ways and means to strengthen and expand bilateral cooperation in all potential areas for mutual benefit.



**Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** took the opportunity to thank New Zealand for confirming participation in the **Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World**, hosted by Cambodia, on 25-29 November 2024 in Siem Reap.

The two leaders also exchanged views on regional development and looked forward to the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations in 2025.

**Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** cordially invited the **Rt Hon Christopher Luxon** to pay an official visit to Cambodia and accepted with pleasure his invitation to pay an official visit to New Zealand, at the earliest convenience.

Vientiane, 10 October 2024

