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**Outcomes of the 17th Meeting of the Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission
on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Cooperation
20-21 August 2019, Phnom Penh**

His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, co-chaired with His Excellency Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the 17th Meeting of the Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission (17th JC) on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Cooperation, held on 21 August 2019, Phnom Penh. Preceding the 17th JC Meeting, H.E. Pham Binh Minh paid a courtesy call on **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

During the 17th JC Meeting, the two sides highlighted the significance and positive outcomes of the exchanges of visits by the leaders and senior officials of various ministries, institutions and provinces. They also recognized the efforts of the two countries in coordinating various positions in multilateral fora, in particular within ASEAN and reaffirmed their commitment to continue working closely within these frameworks to serve the mutual interest and contribute to peace, stability and prosperity within and beyond the region.

Both sides noted with satisfaction the significant progress of bilateral cooperation in various fields both in terms of scope and efficiency, and agreed to further expand and consolidate them.

On Education and Human Resource Development, the two sides agreed to continue effective implementation of the "Memorandum of Agreement on Education Cooperation for the 2016-2020" signed on 14 November 2016 and the Education Cooperation Plan for 2019 signed on 07 December 2018.



In the areas of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, both sides agreed to foster sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) cooperation to control the spread of pest and diseases in the border regions between Cambodia and Viet Nam. They reaffirmed their efforts to strengthen cooperation in preventing, combating and suppressing the illegal cross-border trade. They also agreed to promote cooperation in developing fruit and industrial crops.

On Energy Cooperation, both sides agreed to further strengthen cooperation on electricity trade and development of power distribution grids.

On Trade, Investment and Industrial Cooperation, the two sides agreed that the bilateral trade volume between the two countries would reach and even surpass the target of USD 5 billion by 2020. They also highly valued the coordination efforts to promote two-way investment in accordance with each country's laws on investment and other relevant legislations and to expedite conclusion of the Border Trade Agreement currently under discussion. The two sides agreed to revitalize cooperation in high value-added industries such as medical, electric and electronic products, and automobile and to promote investment in agro-industry along the two countries' border.

On Aviation Cooperation, the two sides agreed to continue supporting and creating favorable conditions for Cambodia Angkor Air, in its role as the national airlines of Cambodia, to operate efficiently and develop sustainably.

On Tourism, the two sides agreed to further strengthen cooperation in tourism development by expediting joint tourism promotion and marketing activities, and to enhance connectivity among the tourism destinations and products of the two countries.

On Border issues, the two sides noted with high appreciation the positive results in demarcation and marker planting that the two sides have achieved after the 16th Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission in May 2018 in Ha Noi. They welcomed the Agreed Minutes between the Chairmen of the Joint Commission on Demarcation and Abornement for Land Boundary (JBC) signed on 19 August 2019 in Phnom Penh, in which the two sides had initialed the two legal instruments to acknowledge the completion of 84% of land border demarcation and marker planting and agreed on the workload, coordination plan and implementation roadmap until these two legal documents have been signed.

On Security and Combating Crimes, the two sides agreed to strengthen cooperation and mutual support at regional and international fora, such as INTERPOL and ASEANAPOL, and to work together in addressing non-traditional security issues.



Besides, both sides agreed to speed up implementation of other relevant activities and projects which have been delayed while exploring new and concrete measures to further improve cooperation and maximize positive outcomes to serve the mutual interests of the two nations.

H.E. Prak Sokhonn and H.E. Pham Binh Minh agreed to convene the 18th JC in Viet Nam next year, and following conclusion of their discussion, the two Leaders signed the Agreed Minutes on the Outcomes of the 17th JC Meeting.

Phnom Penh, ១៣ August 2019.

