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**Official visit of Japanese Foreign Minister KAMIKAWA
to Cambodia from 5 to 6 July 2024**

At the invitation of His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Her Excellency KAMIKAWA Yoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 5 to 6 July 2024. During the visit, Her Excellency the Foreign Minister paid separate courtesy calls on Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, President of the Senate, and Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, ahead of a bilateral meeting with His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister.

During their discussions, His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea and Her Excellency KAMIKAWA shared the view that the friendly relations between Cambodia and Japan had become stronger and warmer. The two ministers had a thorough exchange of views on how to further enhance the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Cambodia and Japan, and expand cooperation in potential sectors beneficial for both countries.

The two sides agreed to promote frequent communications and exchanges of visits at all levels to help build a strong foundation for cooperation in all areas between the two countries. They agreed to continue holding regular Senior Officials' Talks at the vice Foreign Minister level with a second round scheduled to be held in Cambodia this year.



The two ministers expressed satisfaction with the progress of close cooperation in the field of defense and security, and commended the outcomes of the First Cambodia-Japan Senior Officials' Dialogue at the Vice Minister of Defense level in Siem Reap on 1 March this year. They also agreed to expand cooperation between the Cambodian Maritime Police and the Japan Coast Guard. **Her Excellency KAMIKAWA** informed that the Japanese government will provide patrol boats to the Cambodian National Police.

The two ministers highly valued the robust economic ties through the investments of Japanese companies, and **Her Excellency KAMIKAWA** expressed her strong encouragement for Japanese investors to further invest in Cambodia.

During the meeting, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** expressed deep appreciation to the Government and people of Japan for their significant contribution to Cambodia's peace process in the past and for providing valuable assistance to the Kingdom's socio-economic rehabilitation and development. **Her Excellency the Foreign minister** reaffirmed Japan's commitment to contributing to the development of Cambodia and added that the Japanese Government will provide eight billion Japanese Yen financing for the Phnom Penh City electricity transmission line.

On cultural cooperation, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** thanked Japan as co-chair of ICC-Angkor for helping to preserve the Kingdom's cultural heritage, the soul of the Cambodian nation. The Japanese side emphasized the importance of continuing cooperation with Cambodia in this area.

On behalf of the Royal Government, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** expressed deep appreciation to the Japanese government for developing the New Approach for Cooperation with Cambodia, which focuses on the following three important areas:

1. Social infrastructure development including potable water, wastewater treatment system as well as digital and cyber security. **Her Excellency the Foreign Minister** confirmed that Japan would continue to assist Cambodia with the water supply system in Phnom Penh, while expanding such



assistance to other provinces. Japan will also provide assistance to further develop wastewater treatment in the capital. Both sides underscore the importance of cooperation in the digital field, a priority under the Royal Government's Pentagonal Strategy-Phase I.

2. Maritime connectivity focusing on the development of Sihanoukville Autonomous Port. The Japanese side will continue to support the development of the port to become a regional shipping and logistics hub.
3. Both sides will continue to cooperate in demining initiatives for humanitarian purposes and peace in the region and beyond. **Her Excellency the Foreign Minister** expressed Japan's readiness to cooperate with Cambodia, as chair and host of the Fifth Review Conference of the Ottawa Convention, known as the “**Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World**”, to be held in November this year.

The two sides discussed cooperation under multilateral frameworks and exchanged views on regional and international issues of common concern.

After their productive meeting, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** and **Her Excellency KAMIKAWA** signed exchanges of notes and related documents on:

(1) Grant aid (approximately USD 2.7 million) to implement the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarships, and

(2) Yen loan (approximately USD 59.6 million USD) to implement the National Road No. 5 Improvement Project (Thlea Ma'am - Battambang and Serei Sophorn - Poipet) (III).

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