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**PREAH BAT SAMDECH PREAH BOROMNEATH  
NORODOM SIHAMONI  
King of Cambodia  
PHNOM PENH**

*Your Majesty,*

On behalf of the Communist Party of Viet Nam, the State of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Vietnamese people and in our own names, we would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Your Majesty and Cambodian people on the occasion the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Viet Nam-Cambodia diplomatic relations (24/6/1967-24/6/2017).

Over the last 50 years, our two peoples have stood shoulder by shoulder in solidarity, giving each other altruistic assistance and support throughout the struggle for national independence in the past as well as the current national construction and development for the right to live in independence, freedom, happiness and prosperity. This is an invaluable and sacred asset of the two nations Viet Nam and Cambodia and our responsibility is to further preserve and nurture it.

On this occasion, we would like to express our sincere and deep thanks for the precious assistance and support that His Majesty Norodom Sihanouk, the late King-Father of Cambodia, Your Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, leaders and people of Cambodia extended to Vietnamese people in the struggle for national liberation as well as in the current national construction and defence.

We believe that the relations of "*good neighborliness, traditional friendship, comprehensive cooperation and long-standing stability*" between our two countries will unceasingly develop for the benefit and sustainable development of each country and for the sake of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and the world over.

Also on this occasion, we would like to congratulate on the great and prideful achievements made by Cambodian people over the past years under the excellent leadership of Your Majesty, the Senate, the National Assembly and the Royal Government of Cambodia. We believe that under the clear-sighted ruling of Your Majesty, Cambodian people will continue to obtain greater success in building Cambodia into a prosperous nation.