

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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**H.E. Mr. Prak Sokhonn**

Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
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**Phnom Penh**

*Excellency,*

On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Viet Nam-Cambodia diplomatic relations (24/6/1967-24/6/2017), on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and in my own name, I would like to extend my best wishes to Your Excellency, officials and staff members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

I am delighted to see that over the last 50 years, our two peoples despite going through many ups and downs, have stood shoulder by shoulder, giving each other support and assistance for the benefits of the two nations. I also note with satisfaction the close coordination between our two Foreign Ministries in promoting the friendship and comprehensive cooperation between Viet Nam and Cambodia, especially in playing their roles of coordinating the Viet Nam-Cambodia Joint Commission on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Cooperation, a mechanism co-chaired by Your Excellency and me.

On this auspicious occasion, I would like to convey my honest congratulations on the great success made by Cambodian people in the cause of national construction and development, bringing about enhanced standing for Cambodia regionally and internationally.

With that in mind, I firmly believe that the relations of "*good neighborliness, traditional friendship, comprehensive cooperation and long-standing stability*" between Viet Nam and Cambodia will unceasingly be consolidated and strengthened, in the interests of our two peoples and for the sake of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and in the world over.

May I take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency the very best of health, happiness and further success with your important role and please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration./.

*(Signed)*

**PHAM BINH MINH**