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**Outcome of the virtual Meeting among
The three Prime Ministers of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic
Republic and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

On 10 March 2021, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, had a virtual meeting to discuss the cooperation between the three countries in bilateral, trilateral and multilateral frameworks.

Prime Ministers of the Lao PDR and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam highly appreciated the significance of the three Prime Ministers' Virtual Meeting initiated by Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen, which has contributed to further broaden and consolidate the traditional friendship and fruitful cooperation among the three countries.

During the meeting, the three Prime Ministers briefed each other on the current developments of their respective countries, including the fight against the Covid-19 outbreak. Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen congratulated his Vietnamese and Lao counterparts on the successes of the recent 13th Party Congress of the Communist Party of Viet Nam, and the 11th Party Congress of the People's Revolutionary Party of Laos, as well as the Laos National Congress's election. He also hailed Viet Nam for the socio-economic development achievement in 2020 in spite of the Covid-19 outbreak.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen also congratulated the Lao PDR and Viet Nam for effectively controlling the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. In response, Prime Minister



Thongloun Sisoulith expressed his appreciation to Samdech Techo Prime Minister for the donation of medical supplies to the Lao PDR to help fighting against the pandemic. In addition, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR and Prime Minister of Viet Nam expressed their confidence that with the diligent efforts and strict measures put forth by Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen, Cambodia will soon be able to successfully curb the current outbreak of Covid-19 in the community once again.

The three Prime Ministers agreed to further strengthen their cooperation and render support for one another in fighting against Covid-19 pandemic. They also agreed to mutually provide free Covid-19 vaccination to Cambodian, Lao and Vietnamese diplomats and students residing in their respective countries.

The three Prime Ministers expressed their overall satisfaction in the growing relationship and cooperation in various fields between the three countries amidst the great challenges posed by the Covid-19 outbreak. They also happily noted the increase in trade volume between Cambodia and Laos, and Cambodia and Viet Nam.

The three leaders agreed to further strengthen the cooperation in the field of politics, security, national defense, border management, trade and investment, connectivity, energy, and education. They also agreed to continue to effectively maintain and implement the existing mechanisms of cooperation, to boost the cooperation among border provinces, to effectively implement agreements on border management, to further collaborate in security protection along the shared border, and to facilitate trade and investment activities, and the entry of people and goods via border checkpoints.

As for matters of connectivity, the three Prime Ministers agreed to consider resuming international flights between Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam in order to boost trade and investment, as well as people exchanges among the three countries.

With regards to cooperation in sub-regional framework, the three Prime Ministers agreed to accelerate the implementation of the CLV Economic Connectivity Plan up to



2030, with focuses on cooperation in mobilizing the resources from development partners for constructing the Hanoi-Vientiane Highway, the Vientiane-Vung Ang Railway, and the Phnom Penh-Ho Chi Minh Railway.

Furthermore, Prime Minister of Viet Nam and Prime Minister of the Lao PDR reaffirmed their commitment to extend their full support to Cambodia in hosting the 7th Greater Mekong Sub-region Summit (GMS) in March 2021, and the ASEM-13 Summit at the end of 2021, as well as chairing the ASEAN in 2022.

Additionally, the three Prime Ministers agreed to assign the relevant ministries, institutions and provincial authorities to carry out the significant agreements reached in this virtual meeting, thus enhancing the friendship and multifaceted cooperation among the three countries of Cambodia, Laos, and Viet Nam.

Lastly, the three leaders exchanged their views on the regional and international issues of common interest and concern.



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