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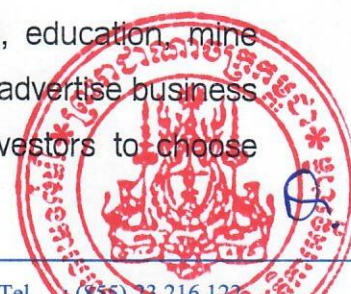
PRESS RELEASE

Outcomes of the Official Visit of The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and First Secretary of State, to the Kingdom of Cambodia

At the invitation of His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) and First Secretary of State, paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia on 23 June 2021 to further promote and strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the two countries. During his visit, The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP held official meetings with H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and with His Excellency SAY Samal, Minister of Environment. He also visited Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Documentation Center of Cambodia.

During the meeting, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister briefed The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP on the current political, security and social development of Cambodia.


H.E. PRAK Sokhonn thanked the UK Government for continuing to grant GSP to Cambodia and for the assistance given to education, mine clearance and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). The two Ministers agreed on the importance of dialogue on trade related issues. They shared a common desire to further strengthen and expand bilateral relations and cooperation in various fields of mutual benefits, especially economy, trade, education, mine clearance, health, and environment. They agreed on the need to advertise business opportunities in Cambodia in order to encourage more UK investors to choose



Cambodia as a destination taken into account of Cambodia's potentials resulting from tax and other incentives, AFTA, RCEP, Cambodia-China FTA, Cambodia-Korea FTA frameworks. In this respect, the two sides would consider establishing a MoU on Trade Facilitation.

Within the ASEAN framework, H.E. PRAK Sokhonn briefed The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP on the preparation of Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022 focused on enhancing ASEAN centrality and unity, accelerating recovery from the COVID-19 impacts and strengthening public health among others. He appreciated UK's great interest in establishing Dialogue Relations with ASEAN and emphasized that Cambodia is strongly supportive of the UK's application, taken into consideration its already very active engagement with ASEAN. H.E. PRAK Sokhonn expressed appreciation the UK's contribution of £1 million to the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund and encouraged for more supports from the UK for other ASEAN initiatives to address the pandemic.

The two Foreign Ministers also exchanged views on a number of regional and international issues of common interest including the draft COC in the South China Sea, combined efforts with regards to Myanmar's return to normalcy and to combat climate change whereby the focus on the use of renewable, eco-friendly energy and related technologies plays an important role. In this connection, H.E. PRAK Sokhonn also announced that Samdech Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, will lead a high Delegation to the forthcoming COP 26 held in Glasgow.

Both Foreign Ministers agreed to continue working closely together in both regional and international framework. The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP reaffirmed UK's support for ASEM 13 Summit hosted by Cambodia on 25-26 November 2021 and thanks the Royal Government of Cambodia for the gracious hospitality and the excellent arrangements during his stay. The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP is the First Foreign Secretary of the UK to visit the Kingdom of Cambodia. 



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