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**Deputy Prime Minister SOK Chenda Sophea to Pay Official Visits to
the People's Republic of China, Republic of Türkiye, and attend the Meeting of
Francophonie Entrepreneur in Morocco**

His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, will pay visits to the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye from 24th to 29th May 2024, at the respective invitations of **His Excellency WANG Yi**, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, and **His Excellency Hakan FIDAN**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye. Following his visit to Türkiye, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** will participate in the 4th Meeting of French-Speaking Entrepreneurs (REF) which will be held from 30th to 31st May 2024 in Marrakech, Morocco, at the invitations of **Mr. Chakib ALJ**, President of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM) and **Mr. Geoffroy ROUX DE BEZIEUX**, President of the Alliance of French-Speaking Employers.

In China from 24th to 25th May, **His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea** and **His Excellency WANG Yi** will hold a bilateral meeting to discuss the way forward in order to further strengthen the Diamond Cooperation, foster the existing ironclad friendship, and advance the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation between the two countries as 2024 marks the celebration of the Year of People-to-People Exchange. **His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea** is scheduled to call on **His Excellency HAN Zheng**, Vice President of the People's Republic of China, and meet with **Mr. ZHANG Jianhua**, member of the CPC leadership group of the National



Development and Reform Commission and Chairman of the National Energy Administration. **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** is also expected to have a meeting with Cambodian students studying in Beijing and Tianjin.

In Türkiye on 27th May, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** will participate in a business luncheon, where he will discuss the potential for increased economic and investment cooperation between Cambodia and Türkiye. On 28th May, **His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea** will pay courtesy calls on and hold separate meetings with Turkish dignitaries from both the executive and legislative branches. On 29th May, **His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea** and his Turkish counterpart, **His Excellency Hakan FIDAN**, will hold a bilateral meeting. The two foreign ministers will explore new avenues to strengthen the existing mechanism across-the-board and identify potential areas for future cooperation. They will also exchange views on current regional and international developments. Additionally, a number of cooperation documents are expected to be signed during the meetings, further strengthening the ties between the two nations.

During his stay in Türkiye, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** will also meet with the Cambodian community and students. As Cambodia and Türkiye commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations in 2024, this visit will be a clear testimony of the robust and cordial bonds of friendship, further elevating the flourishing relations between both countries.

In Morocco from 30th to 31st May, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** will deliver his intervention during the opening plenary session of the 4th Meeting of French-Speaking Entrepreneurs (REF) under the theme: “Strengthening the competitiveness and resilience of French-speaking businesses: What support is expected from Governments?”, in the presence of prominent figures from the public and private sectors.

His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea will have a meeting with **Mrs. Louise MUSHIKIWABO**, Secretary General of the International Organization of Francophonie (OIF), to discuss strengthening the collaboration between Cambodia and OIF, most importantly, Cambodia’s candidacy to host the 20th Summit of Francophonie in 2026.



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