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At the invitation of His Excellency WANG Yi, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, will lead a delegation to attend the Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers' Meeting and 6th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC) Foreign Ministers' Meeting which will be held on 7 and 8 June 2021 in Chongqing, People's Republic of China.

The Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers' Meeting is held on 7 June as part of the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. During this commemorative gathering, the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and China are expected to review the development of ASEAN-China practical cooperation in various areas and discuss on further enhancement of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership in the present context of COVID-19 pandemic and emerging challenges. They may also exchange views on regional and international issues of common interests.

During the 6th MLC Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 8 June, the MLC Foreign Ministers will evaluate the progress made for the past five years of cooperation, chart future directions for widening cooperation; particularly at the time of COVID-19 pandemic, and further deepen the bonds of friendship and mutual support between the Mekong Countries and China, in the spirit of promoting sustainable development, and social and cultural interconnections in the Mekong-Lancang region.

In conjunction with the above meetings, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn will pay a working visit to China, during which he will hold bilateral talks with His Excellency State Councilor WANG Yi. At the end of the meeting, the two Foreign Ministers will preside over the signing ceremony of two documents, namely:

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- 1- MOU on Cooperation in the Field of Telecommunication and Information and Communication Technology between Ministry of Post and Telecommunication of Cambodia and Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China.
- 2- Executive Programme on Cultural Cooperation between Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia and Ministry of Culture of China.

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Availing the opportunity of his stay in Chongqing, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn plans to have bilateral meetings with some other Foreign Ministers face-to-face, order to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and relations.