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"Cambodia, Brazil forge stronger bilateral relations for enhanced cooperation"

On 11 October 2023, His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, had a productive bilateral meeting with His Excellency Mauro Vieira, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil, during the latter's official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The two Foreign Ministers expressed their satisfaction with the positive momentum in the thriving friendship and ties between the two nations. Deputy Prime Minister SOK Chenda Sophea briefed his guest on the ongoing preparations for the upcoming establishment of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Brasilia and thanked the government of Brazil for the facilitation in this process. Minister Mauro Vieira announced the Brazilian government's decision to open an embassy in Phnom Penh next year, underscoring Cambodia's importance. In addition, Minister Mauro Vieira revealed that a Brazil's trade mission is scheduled to visit Cambodia next year. Additionally, they agreed to explore a possibility of negotiating an Agreement on Cooperation and Facilitation of Investment as soon as possible.

Both sides deliberated a course of action aimed at further strengthening and expanding bilateral and multilateral cooperation. The measures encompassed activities to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the diplomatic relations in 2024.

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promote trade, investment, tourism, agriculture, education and diplomatic institute cooperation, enhance technical collaboration, and support peacebuilding efforts.

Furthermore, Cambodia expressed its readiness to host the 2nd round of the bilateral consultation between the two foreign ministries next year. Both Foreign Ministers also discussed regional and international issues of shared interest and concern.

Despite geographical distance, the two Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to further deepening friendly bilateral relations and multifaceted cooperation for the common benefit of stability, development and prosperity of their respective people.

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