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## Press Release

Outcomes of the Visit of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to Hungary on 15 October 2019

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, successfully concluded his visit to Hungary where he attended the Third Budapest Water Summit (3<sup>rd</sup> BWS) on 15 October 2019 in Budapest.

Under the theme of "Preventing Water Crises", the 3<sup>rd</sup> BWS was opened by H.E. János Áder, President of Hungary.

Addressing the opening session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> BWS, Samdech Techo Prime Minister underlined that Cambodia considers water as "white gold", which is a strategic driver for sustainable economic development. He further emphasized that the Royal Government of Cambodia has laid out a series of Rectangular Strategies with four priority areas: People, Water, Electricity and Road. In addition, Cambodia is actively involved, in both regional and international framework, in water resource management and environmental protection activities as well as the prevention of water crises.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister stressed that Cambodia is firmly committed to the protection and prevention of water crises through the implementation of strategic plans and actions highlighted as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>. Continue strengthening effective enforcement of laws, regulations, policies, and master plan on water resources management.

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- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Establish and strengthen mechanism on water resource management along rivers, streams and basins at both national and sub-national levels, by formulating and implementing management plans on water resources and river basins; managing water resources for all relevant sectors in a balance and equitable manner; developing map on floods and underground water, constructing reservoirs, dam and water discharging system; and gradually implementing comprehensive modernization.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Build technical foundation, human resource and data management centre to collect data on both water and climate for analysing, commercializing, and disseminating for national and international relevant sectors, specifically for the development and management of water resources and the evaluation of water resource potential and demand in both quality and quantity in response to the development.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Promote and encourage private sectors to engage in water resources development as well as increase national budget and mobilize aids from international financial institutions and partner countries aiming to develop water resources sector, to ensure an effective and sustainable water supply in all relevant sectors.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister paid a courtesy call on H.E. János Áder, President of Hungary. His Excellency the President looks forward to visiting Cambodia at the end of this month at the invitation of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia.

On margins of the 3<sup>rd</sup> BWS, Samdech Techo Prime Minister received a courtesy call by H.E. Li Yong, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) during which he requested UNIDO to support for two policy areas, namely: (1) rice export policy and (2) Industrialization Policy 2015-2025.

