

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Phnom Penh, 02 July 2018

H.E. Mr. LI Keqiang

Premier of the State Council People's Republic of China Beijing

Excellency,

On behalf of the Royal Government and people of Cambodia, I am delighted to express warmest congratulations to Your Excellency and through you to the Government and people of China, on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the People's Republic of China.

Your Excellency's trip to Phnom Penh last January for an official visit and for the 2nd Mekong-Lancang Summit was a grand start of this special commemorative year 2018 for which various activities have been organized. In light of this celebration, I view with great satisfaction increasing mutual political trust between us and the growing depth and scope of fruitful cooperation in many areas between our two nations. China, apart from being a major donor to Cambodia, has become Cambodia's biggest source of foreign direct investment and has also taken top position on the list of foreign tourists coming to Cambodia. Our two-way trade, amounted to around USD 5.5 billion in 2017, has great potential to significantly increase, with China's willingness to facilitate more import from Cambodia.

With unwavering commitment to One China policy, I wholeheartedly hail the remarkable socio-economic progress achieved by your Government and people. Thanks to the correct policies and development path adopted by the Chinese Communist Party and Government, China is moving steadily closer to the goal of building a strong, harmonious and prosperous socialist nation. China has also taken greater role in political-security and development around the globe.

May I take this opportunity to deeply thank the Government of China for supporting Cambodia's independence and development process compatible with its own context. I trust that the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of our diplomatic ties will further enhance fraternal relations and comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation between our two countries.

May I wish Your Excellency good health and success in all your endeavors for greater happiness and prosperity of the friendly people of China.

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