

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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Cambodia, Australia To Continue Existing Good Cooperation

His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Her Excellency Kathryn Campbell, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, expressed their satisfaction with the long-standing friendship and good cooperation that exist during the past 70 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries and shared commitment to continue them. These contentment and determination were expressed in a meeting held on 13 June 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation during the latter's visit to Cambodia on 12-14 June 2022.

Deputy PM Prak Sokhonn renewed Cambodia's appreciation for Australia's support and assistance to the peace process and the development in the country, especially on education, health, people-to-people exchange, defense and security and noted the fruitful results of the recent 3rd Senior Official Talks in Canberra.

Deputy PM Prak Sokhonn shared with Secretary Kathryn Campbell the development of the situation in Myanmar, underlining the complexity of the crisis and the facing challenges in finding a suitable solution that require the understanding, patience and restraint from all parties concerned as well as the joint efforts, unity and solidarity among all ASEAN member states and stakeholders.

The Deputy PM highlighted the progress in the implementation of the 5 Point Consensus on Myanmar, including his efforts to lay the ground work during his first visit to Myanmar on 21-22 March 2022 for the 3 immediate priorities, namely (1) Cessation of violence, (2) Ensuring timely delivery of humanitarian assistance without discrimination, and (3) Building conducive environment for an inclusive political dialogue to resolve Myanmar crisis. He also underscored the three main of the solutions.

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achieved by the Consultative Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar hosted by Cambodia on 6 May 2022, namely: (1) The Arrangement Framework for the delivery of ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance, (2) Addressing the operational challenges of delivering humanitarian assistance and (3) Framework for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration.

The Deputy PM made known as well the arrangement for his second visit to Myanmar scheduled at the end of this month, stressing that the engagement with all parties concerned would be one among his focuses then in accordance to the mandate of the Special Envoy.

Secretary Kathryn Campbell appreciated the efforts undertaken by Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen and Deputy PM Prak Sokhonn to find solution to the current crisis in Myanmar and assured Australia's support for Cambodia's chairmanship of ASEAN.

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