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**Outcomes of the State Visit of H.E. Mr. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic
of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Cambodia
13-14 December 2016**

At the invitation of His Majesty **Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI**, King of Cambodia, **His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, led a delegation to pay a state visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 13 to 14 December 2016.

President Duterte and his delegation was received in a Royal Audience by **His Majesty the King** at the Royal Palace.

During the official talks held at the Peace Palace on 14 December 2016, Cambodian Prime Minister **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen** and Filipino President H.E. **Rodrigo Roa Duterte** had an exchange of views and discussion on the strengthening and deepening of the relations of friendship and cooperation between both countries.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen suggested **President Duterte** to examine the opportunity to promote the bilateral cooperation on trade, tourism, labour, and investment in the agricultural sector, mainly rice, as well as the cooperation in the fight against cross border crimes and drug trafficking. **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** expressed Cambodia's support and congratulations to the Philippines on her chairmanship of ASEAN next year.

President Duterte encouraged the two countries to promote their cooperation, especially in the rice, human resource development and people-to-people connectivity. He informed **Samdech Techo Hun Sen** about his decision to provide 60 scholarships to Cambodian students to study in the Philippines in the academic year of 2017.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen expressed sincere thanks for the Philippines' scholarships and assistance to Cambodia. **Samdech Tech Prime Minister** requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of both countries to jointly host next year the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, and to organise the second meeting of the Joint Commission of Bilateral Cooperation to be chaired by the two Foreign Ministers.

After the official talks, **Samdech Techo Hun Sen** and H.E. **Rodrigo Roa Duterte** witnessed the signing ceremony of following four documents:

- 1- Memorandum of Understanding Between the National Police of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the National Police of the Republic of the Philippines on Cooperation in Combating Transnational Crimes (Signed by H.E. Mr. PRAK Sokhonn, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Honorable Perfecto R Yasay, Jr. Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines);
- 2- Memorandum of Agreement Between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines Concerning the Cooperation in the Field of Labor (Signed by H.E. Mr. Ith Samheng, Minister of Labour and Vocational Training and Honorable Perfecto R Yasay, Jr. Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines);
- 3- Memorandum of Agreement Between the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Philippines Sports Commission of the Republic of the Philippines on Sports Cooperation (Signed by H.E. Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports and Honorable Perfecto R Yasay, Jr. Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines); and
- 4- Implementation Program of Tourism Cooperation (2016-2020) between the Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Department of Tourism of the Republic of the Philippines (Signed by H.E. Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism and Honorable Wanda Corazon Tulfo-Teo, Secretary of the Department of Tourism of the Republic of the Philippines).^p

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