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"Cambodia and India to deepen cordial relations and cooperation"

His Excellency Sok Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received a courtesy call by Her Excellency Dr. Devyani Uttam Khobragade, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Cambodia, on 26 October 2023.

The two sides expressed satisfaction with the growing cordial relations of traditional friendship and close cooperation between the two countries over the years. They expressed their joint commitment to further advancing wide-ranging areas of mutually beneficial cooperation, including politics, trade, investment, culture, defense, tourism and people-to-people connectivity. They fondly recalled the state visit of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia, and the official visit of Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, then Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and Commander of the Royal Cambodian Army, to India earlier this year as important milestones to further deepen the excellent relations between the two countries.

The Deputy Prime Minister highly appreciated India's contribution to Cambodia's socio-economic development, while the Ambassador reaffirmed the Indian government's commitment to support Cambodia to accelerate its national development.

Both sides noted with pleasure the rapid growth of economic ties between the two countries and encouraged relevant ministries to further discuss new avenues to complement existing cooperation frameworks, with the goal to further expand bilateral trade and investment. They stressed the importance of the Third Meeting of the Joint Commission between the two foreign ministries to be held in New Delivin.

the near future as the mechanism to review ongoing collaboration, explore new fields of cooperation, and chart a new course of action to further strengthen and broaden the partnership. They welcomed further engagement in the field of science and technology between the two countries, which will greatly benefit the digital development in Cambodia.

The two sides exchanged views on regional and international issues of common interest and concerns, and agreed to support each other under multilateral frameworks.

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