





## H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn's response to The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo's congratulatory message on Cambodia's Independence Day

I am truly touched by the warm wishes of the Honorable Michael R. Pompeo, US Secretary of State, to the Cambodian people on the occasion of the celebration of the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cambodia's Independence.

Like any other nation in the world, Independence Day is the greatest and most significant day of that nation's history. As we celebrate this memorable event with great enthusiasm, we take the time to cherish the advancements and the social progress that our nation has been able to realize the yearnings and aspirations of its people. As much as social cohesion and trust are important for a nation, we believe that the friendship and the support of friendly countries who have helped us throughout our difficult years are as important. Cambodia values the friendship of the United States and the message of The Honorable Pompeo gives us a greater sense of renewed hope for a deeper and more meaningful cooperation between Cambodia and the United States of America of mutual respect of each other independence and sovereignty.

In this regard, may I, on behalf of the people and the Government of Cambodia, reciprocate my warmest and sincerest wishes of peace and happiness to The Honorable Pompeo and to the people of United States of America.