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Press Release

At the invitation of **His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI**, King of Cambodia, **His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena**, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, will pay a state visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 07 to 10 August 2019. He will have a royal audience with **His Majesty the King of Cambodia** at the Royal Palace.

President **Maithripala Sirisena** will have a meeting with **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, during which various fields of bilateral cooperation will be discussed, aiming to further strengthen friendly ties between the two countries which are deeply connected through Buddhism. The two Leaders will also exchange views on regional and international issues of common concern and interest.

Following this meeting, President **Maithripala Sirisena** and **Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen** will witness the signing of a number of cooperation documents.

During his stay in Cambodia, President **Maithripala Sirisena** will visit Wat Lanka Preah Kosamaram and present to the Most Venerable Samdech Preah Maha Ariyavamsa **Sao Chanthol** a sapling of the sacred Wijaya Sri Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi. Subsequently, he will attend Na-Tree Planting ceremony at the Meditation Center of Oudong Mountain which received a gift of 10 Na Trees from

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the President. President **Maithripala Sirisena** and members of his delegation will also visit the temples in the Angkor Archeological Park, Siem Reap province.

His Excellency President **Maithripala Sirisena**'s first visit to Cambodia will significantly strengthen the bonds of friendship and expand cooperation in economic, trade, tourism and cultural fields between Cambodia and Sri Lanka.

Phnom Penh, 06 August 2019.