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Press Release

Outcomes of the Visit

Of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen.

President of the Supreme Privy Council to His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on the occasion of attending the Annual Conference 2024 of the Boao Forum for Asia in Boao City, Hainan Province, People's Republic of China

"Samdech Techo calls on Asian countries to maintain peace and security for future development and shared prosperity in the region"

At the invitation of His Excellency Li Baodong, Secretary General of the Boao Forum for Asia, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, President of the Supreme Privy Council to His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of Cambodia, attended the Boao Forum for Asia held on 27-29 March 2024 in Boao City, Hainan Province, the People's Republic of China.

At the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia under the theme "Asia and the World: "Common Challenges, Shared Responsibilities," Samdech Techo emphasized the importance of joint responsibilities among Asian countries to maintain peace and security in the region guided by the principles of rule-based multilateralism that work for all so as to ensure the future development and shared prosperity in the region, while striving for deeper integration and better connectivity, rather than decoupling and disruption. Samdech Techo also emphasized that despite the recent global economic slowdown, Asia continues to be an area of robust development and the ename at a growth, highlighting China as a model of growth and development that has enabled other

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nations to prosper with, not at the expense of others.

On the sideline of the forum, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen held bilateral talks with His Excellency Zhao Leji, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. The two sides recalled on the iron-clad relations of friendship and agreed to maintain regular high-level exchanges and visits, and effectively implement the Six Prioritized Areas of Diamond Cooperation. Both sides also highly valued the achievements under the Belt and Road Initiative and reflected the need to fully implement the Industrial Development Corridor and the Rice and Fish Corridor as China is embarking on a new journey of inter-connectivity and high-quality development. Chinese side agreed to urge Chinese companies to invest more in Cambodia's priority areas and agreed to import more Cambodia's agricultural products. His Excellency Zhao Leji also congratulated Cambodia on the smooth and successful holding of the senate election, in which Cambodian People's Party under the leadership of Samdech Techo won a landslide victory. China, as always, will support Cambodia in pursuing its development path. He cordially extended invitations to Samdech Techo HUN Sen to visit China at his earliest convenience and Samdech Moha Rathsapheathika Thipadei KHUON Sudary, President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to visit China in June this year.

In addition, Samdech Techo also held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Feng Fei, Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) of Hainan Provincial Committee. The two sides noted with great satisfaction the enhanced tourism cooperation in the ongoing Year of People-to-People Exchange and agreed to further strengthen tourism cooperation between Hainan and Cambodia. As Hainan received over 90 million domestic and overseas tourists in 2023, His Excellency Feng Fei also vows not only to promote Chinese tourists but also foreign tourists to Cambodia. As Cambodia and Hainan have the same climate and located in the tropical zone, the two sides reaffirm their commitment to promoting the exchange of research and development in agricultural field. On that occasion, Samdech Techo also expressed his gratitude to Hainan province, especially the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agriculture Sciences, for providing cooperation and training to Cambodia.

Beside the bilateral meetings, Samdech Techo received a courtesy call by Mr. Chen Zhong, a member of the Standing Committee of the Party Committee and Vice General Manager of China Communications Construction Group. Mr. Chen Zhong expressed his appreciation to the Royal Government of Cambodia for the support in successfully implementing the Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville Expressway construction project and smoothly operating it. He also briefed Samdech Techo on development of some other projects, including the Phnom Penh-Bavet Expressway, and the feasibility studies of the construction of Phnom Penh-Siem Reap Expressway and Siem Reap-Poi Pet Expressway and Funan Techo Canal. Aside from that, the feasibility studies of National Road 50C connecting Kampong Thom and Kampong Chhnang, and Road 3 connecting Kampot and Veal Rinh have already been completed. Samdech Techo pointed out that the construction of infrastructure plays a crucial role in boosting Cambodia's socio-economic development.

Samdech Techo also held bilateral talks with His Excellency He Weidong, Member of the Communist Party China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau and Second Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission on deepening cooperation in the field of training, exchanges of information, sharing experiences, and demining.

During his stay in Hainan, Samdech Techo also paid a visit to the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agriculture Sciences (CATAS) and the Wenchang International Space City in order to promote Cambodia-China cooperation on agricultural and technological development.

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