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On

**Outcomes of the Official Visit of H.E. PRAK Sokhonn, Senior Minister,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
July 10-11, 2017**

At the invitation of H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counselor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, H.E. Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a delegation to pay an Official Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 10 to 11 July 2017. The visit aims to further foster the friendly relations, strengthen bilateral cooperation through the implementation of existing mechanisms and establish new mechanism of cooperation between Cambodia-Myanmar.

During the visit, H.E. Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn paid a courtesy call on H.E. U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace and had a meeting with H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar to exchange views on bilateral cooperation, regional and international issues.

At both meetings, Cambodia and Myanmar recalled the longlasting bonds of friendship existing since the ancient civilization of the Khmer-Mon and noted new development of the bilateral cooperation witnessed by exchanges of high-level visits of both countries.

The two Foreign Ministers discussed and agreed as follows:

- Conclude the Memorandum of Understanding on Political Consultation between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs with the purpose to timely coordinate on bilateral, regional and international issues;
- Convene meeting of the 2nd Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation in Myanmar with a view to promoting cooperation in areas of mutual benefits;

- Further enhance trade volume of the two countries through encouraging the investment of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and exchanging of agricultural products etc. In this spirit, Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn proposed Myanmar to expedite negotiations of the Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation (DTA) and also to consider the possibility of concluding an Agreement on Investment Promotion and Protection. Currently, there are 30 Cambodian companies investing in Myanmar mostly in the fields of banking and services while there are 03 Myanmar companies doing business such as tour operators and services in Cambodia.
- Promote tourism cooperation and people-to-people linkages through implementing the tourism Agreement and its action plans reached between the two countries, organizing Siem Reap-Bagan package tour and other tourist events as well as jointly exploring new potential to promote tourism sector between the two countries;
- Increase cultural cooperation through exchanges of experiences in the fields of arts, traditional dance, weaving and traditional cuisine.
- Intensify educational cooperation through youths and students exchanges as laid out in the Agreement on Educational Cooperation for the Period 2017-2021 signed on 27 February 2017. Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn expressed thanks to Myanmar for providing scholarships every year to Cambodian monks to study Bachelor degree in religion in Myanmar.

On that occasion, Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn also expressed Cambodia's support for the peace process, national reconciliation, and conflict resolution of the Myanmar Government on the issue in Rakhine State.

Both sides also exchanged views on current regional and international issues of mutual concerns such as Korean Pennisular crisis and terrorism and agreed to support each other in regional and international arena on issues of shared interests and concerns.

The meetings were held in a frank and friendly atmosphere.

Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn cordially invited H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to pay an Official Visit to Cambodia at convenient time and H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi accepted the invitation with great pleasure. ↴



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