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**Outcomes of the Official Visit of His Excellency WANG Yi,
State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China,
to the Kingdom of Cambodia on 11 – 12 October 2020**

His Excellency WANG Yi, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia on 11 – 12 October 2020 to further strengthen and expand bilateral relations between the two countries and to jointly promote cooperation to combat global pandemic COVID-19 and to restore economic growth after the COVID-19 crisis.

During his official visit to Cambodia, His Excellency WANG Yi paid a courtesy call on **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and had a meeting with His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister **HOR Namhong**, Co-Chair of the Cambodia-China Inter-Governmental Coordination Committee, and a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister **PRAK Sokhonn**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

During the courtesy call, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** stressed that even though COVID-19 has caused severe impacts to the world, it has not been able to damage the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation between Cambodia and China. **Samdech Techo** commended the efforts of the Government of the People's Republic of China, under the wise leadership of **President XI Jinping**, for not only successfully controlling the spread of COVID-19 pandemic across China but also closely cooperating with the international community by providing financial assistance and medical equipment and dispatching medical experts to combat this devastating disease as well as uplift the economy during and post-COVID-19. **Samdech Techo** also thanked China for providing development assistance to Cambodia and welcomed the signing of the Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA) which would significantly promote trade and investment between the two countries.



His Excellency WANG Yi stated that considering Cambodia as an ironclad friend and taking into account the Cambodia-China Community of Shared Future, he chose Cambodia as the first country for his trip to Southeast Asia. He also praised and congratulated the Royal Government of Cambodia, under the strong leadership of **Samdech Techo**, for taking effective measures to combat COVID-19 pandemic. After the courtesy call, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** hosted a luncheon in honor of **His Excellency WANG Yi** and his delegation.

At the meeting between **His Excellency WANG Yi** and **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister HOR Namhong**, both sides exchanged views on the To-Do-List of the Fifth Meeting of the Cambodia-China Inter-Governmental Coordination Committee held on 16 June 2020. **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister** requested China to import more Cambodia's agricultural products such as banana, mango, cassava, rubber, and cashew nut as well as to purchase pepper, durian, sugar, and longan. He also encouraged more Chinese businessmen to invest in Cambodia.

At the meeting between **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn** and **His Excellency WANG Yi**, the two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on strengthening and expanding bilateral relations and cooperation between Cambodia and China as well as on regional and international issues of common concerns. **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn** stressed that though Cambodia and China are facing COVID-19 pandemic, their bilateral relations and cooperation remain strong and fruitful. For instance, the projects of the construction of Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville Expressway, the Siem Reap International Airport and the Special Economic Zone in Preah Sihanouk province have been actively implemented.

The **two Foreign Ministers** underscored the importance of strengthening multilateralism to maintain global peace and prosperity and to address common challenges. The **Cambodian Foreign Minister** reiterated Cambodia's support to "One China Policy" while the **Chinese Foreign Minister** reaffirmed China's support for Cambodia to protect her sovereignty and promote her active roles in the international arena as well as China's support for the ASEAN Centrality.

The **two Ministers** honored the 10th Anniversary of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation and the 1st Anniversary of the establishment of the Cambodia-China Community of Shared Future. They expressed great satisfaction on the remarkable progress on all areas of cooperation, particularly in fighting against COVID-19, and agreed



to further promote the exchange of high-level visits and close collaboration in the sphere of politics, security, human trafficking, trade, investment, industry, education, culture, tourism and people-to-people connectivity. Cambodia voiced her support towards China's Global Initiative on Data Security for safeguarding cyber security and promoting digital economic development for all. **Minister WANG Yi** encouraged private sector in Cambodia to participate in the 3rd China International Import Expo to be held in November 2020 in China in order to promote their products and services.

During the visit of **His Excellency WANG Yi**, four important documents, namely the Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA), the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation for the Grant of RMB Yuan 950 million (approximately USD 140 million), the Exchange of Note for the Feasibility Study on the Project of the Municipal Sewerage System Development Project in Preah Sihanouk Province and the Exchange of Note for the Feasibility Study on the Project of Improvement of Preah Sihanouk Provincial Referral Hospital were signed. The signing ceremony and the handover ceremony of DNA/RNA Extraction Kits to Cambodia were presided over by **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** and **His Excellency WANG Yi**.

The signing of the Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA), Cambodia's first bilateral deal, is a milestone in economic and trade relations between the two countries. The agreement is expected to enhance the two-way trade to reach USD 10 billion in 2023.

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