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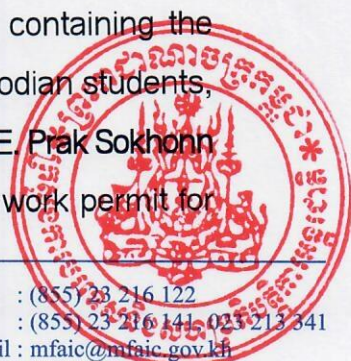
**Video Conversation between His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia
and His Excellency Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign
Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand**

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On 02 October 2020, His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, had a video conversation with His Excellency Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, to discuss and exchange views on bilateral relations and cooperation, particularly the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diplomatic Relations between Cambodia and Thailand, the collaboration in fighting against COVID-19, as well as regional and global issues of common interests and concerns.

His Excellency Don Pramudwinai praised the Royal Government of Cambodia for successfully preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19 pandemic nationwide. His Excellency also highly appreciated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia for facilitating the repatriation of Thai citizens.

In response, His Excellency Prak Sokhonn expressed admiration to the Royal Thai Government, under the leadership of H.E General Prayuth Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, for effectively and successfully curbing the spread of COVID-19 in Thailand. His Excellency expressed high appreciation to the Royal Thai Government for providing financial aid and medical equipment to assist Cambodia in containing the spread of COVID-19 and for facilitating the entry and departure of Cambodian students, and emergency patients to and from Thailand. During the conversation, H.E. Prak Sokhonn thanked the Thai authorities for facilitating renewal of stay permit and work permit for



Cambodian workers, and increasing unemployment and social benefits for those who have their jobs suspended. He also asked the Thai side to allow Cambodian workers who hold border passes and workers under MOU to return to work and reduce the cost of the 14 days quarantine. The two Deputy Prime Ministers stressed the importance of information sharing and close cooperation to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and hoped that Thailand's vaccine will be successfully produced and available soon.

Both sides were pleased with the strong two-way trade despite the COVID-19 pandemic with Cambodia proposing the Thai side to facilitate the transportation of cross-border trade, increase the importation of Cambodian agricultural products, as well as expedite the signing of the MoU on Goods in Transit and other important matters.

Both sides were satisfied with the opening of new regional and international border checkpoints and the upgrading of existing regional checkpoints to international border checkpoints. Cambodia noted with great pleasure that Thailand's investment flow into Cambodia increased triple folds within eight months of 2020, comparing to last year figure. Cambodia encouraged more Thai investors to venture in Cambodia. Both sides were pleased to note the significant progress in other main sectors such as security, education, tourism, energy, and connectivity.

Both parties underscored the importance of the effective implementation of all joint statements and bilateral agreements between the two countries and looked forward to the convening of the 4th Joint Cabinet Retreat (JCR), and the 11th Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) as early as possible when the COVID-19 pandemic situation subsides. Both sides also strongly committed to support each other in multilateral frameworks such as ASEAN and ASEM.

The two Deputy Prime Ministers expressed great satisfaction with the remarkable achievements reached thus far while commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diplomatic Relations between Cambodia and Thailand.

Both Deputy Prime Ministers reaffirmed their strong commitments to work closely together to enhance long-lasting bonds of friendship, good neighborliness, multifaceted cooperation and partnership for peace and prosperity of the two Kingdoms.



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