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At the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, will participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), to be held on 21 January 2021 through video conference, along with all 35 ACD member countries.

Under the theme "The New Normal and Safe and Healthy Tourism," the 17<sup>th</sup> ACD Ministerial Meeting will discuss critical areas of cooperation and challenges that have been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to explore all prospects for socio-economic recovery for the tangible benefits for the people and in line with the vision of the ACD 2030.

On the sideline of the meeting, at the initiative of the Turkish Chairmanship, the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) will also host the First Meeting of the Chambers of Commerce of the ACD.

It should be noted that the ACD is a regular event which was inaugurated in June 2002 in Cha-Am, Thailand. The ACD's objective is to promote interdependence among Asian countries in all areas of cooperation, to expand the trade and financial market within Asia, to enhance Asia's economic competitiveness in the global market, and to transform the Asian continent into an Asian Community which is capable of interacting with the rest of the world on a more equal footing and contributing more positively towards mutual peace and

prosperity.

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