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**Press Release**

**Video Conference between His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn,  
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and  
H.E. Mrs. Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno, Minister of Foreign Affairs and  
Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste  
25 February 2021**

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On 25 February 2021, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, met H.E. Mrs. Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, via video conference. The two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interests as they agreed to further strengthen and expand bilateral cooperation in several areas, including trade and investment, tourism, education and human resource development.

His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn once again extended his warmest congratulations to Her Excellency Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno on her appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Timor-Leste. He recalled his official visit to Timor-Leste in 2019 to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Referendum of self-determination of Timor-Leste and invited Her Excellency Foreign Minister for an official visit to Cambodia after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn congratulated Timor-Leste for successfully containing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. Likewise, Her Excellency Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno praised the Royal Government of Cambodia for effectively and successfully preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19 nationwide although the Kingdom is currently facing the "COVID-19 Community Outbreak", known as "February 20 Community Event". Her Excellency Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno also expressed her high appreciation to the Royal Government and people of Cambodia for contributing





1 million masks and other medical facilities to the Government and People of Timor-Leste on 02 December 2020 in the fight against COVID-19.

**Both Foreign Ministers** noted that the two-way trade volume between Cambodia and Timor-Leste is still low as they encouraged both sides' relevant stakeholders to increase bilateral economic and trade activities by implementing the existing Agreement on Cooperation between the two countries' Chambers of Commerce. **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** informed his counterpart that Cambodia is opened for the discussion on rice export to Timor-Leste as requested by Timor-Leste's side in 2020, and that Cambodia's white rice is well known around the world for its high quality.

**Her Excellency Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno** also praised the Royal Government of Cambodia on her outstanding economic performances and wished to learn from Cambodia's experiences and best practices. In response, **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** was pleased to welcome Timor-Leste's delegation to Cambodia for a study visit, alongside with **Her Excellency Minister's** official visit when time allows.

On education, **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** reiterated that Cambodia will continue to support Timor-Leste in human resource development. Both Ministers encouraged the two sides to conclude the discussion on the two pending documents, namely **Memorandum of Understanding on Higher Education and Science** between the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of Cambodia and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Culture of Timor-Leste and **Agreement on Cooperation** between the University of Cambodia (UC) and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Culture of Timor-Leste.

**Both Foreign Ministers** congratulated each other on the significant progress and cooperation in other various fields and encouraged their respective authorities to expedite the conclusion on **three other** pending Memorandums of Understanding on **Tourism Cooperation, General Cooperation in the Trade Sector and Technical Collaboration on the National Logistic Centers**.

On regional cooperation, **Her Excellency Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno** highly appreciated Cambodia's continuous support for Timor-Leste's accession to ASEAN. In response, **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister** reaffirmed Cambodia's support for Timor-Leste's application for ASEAN membership, believing that Timor-Leste's membership will bring more benefits to ASEAN.



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