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**On the Outcomes of the Working Visit of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to the People's Republic of China
05 February 2020**

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of Kingdom of Cambodia, accompanied by His Excellency Prak Sokhon, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and other senior government officials successfully concluded a working visit to Beijing, the People's Republic of China where Samdech Techo Prime Minister had a bilateral meeting with Premier Li Keqiang and paid a courtesy call on President Xi Jinping.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister told the top Chinese leaders that there were three main purposes of his visit: (1) To show solidarity with the Chinese government and people in difficult moment; (2) To strengthen the spirit and belief of Cambodian people and students to keep staying in China while the Chinese authorities are taking concrete actions to tackle its Challenges caused by the spread of CoronaVirus; and (3) To send a message to Cambodian people not to have more fears than the level of danger of CoronaVirus.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister expressed his condolences and sympathy on the loss of lives of people infected with the virus, and expressed his support for and praised the Chinese government for taking concrete and effective measures to treat the victims and prevent the spread of the disease to other areas in China and around the world. Samdech Techo expressed his appreciation to the Chinese authorities for their continued care for the safety, health and accommodation of Cambodian people and students at all regions in China.

His Excellency Li Keqiang, as well as President Xi Jinping expressed his appreciation for Cambodia's spirit of solidary and cooperation with the government and the people of



China as a steel-based friendship and a partnership in building communities with shared future. The Chinese leader also stressed that the Chinese government and people are confident in their ability to deal with the outbreak of the CoronaVirus and will be able to successfully overcome the socio-economic impact caused by the disease and China will continue to provide good care to Cambodian people as well as other foreign nationals.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister and the two Chinese leaders also discussed extensively in bilateral cooperation. Chinese leaders have agreed to **Samdech Techo Prime Minister's** request for speedy negotiations in order to sign a Free Trade Agreement between Cambodia and China in the near future so that Cambodia will have more markets for her products. In addition, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** confirmed that Cambodia is taking concrete reform measures to improve the business environment to attract more investment from China and other countries and is also prepared for negative impacts in case of EU decision concerning Everything But Arms (EBA) arrangement.

His Excellency Premier Li Keqiang and **President Xi Jinping** pledged to urge Chinese companies to increase more investment in Cambodia and continue to provide more assistance for Cambodia's development including the development in Sihanoukville. Regarding the cooperation in law enforcement, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** stated that the Royal Government of Cambodia has taken decisive actions to close all online gambling in order to avoid negative impact on security and social order, as well as images and relations between the two countries.

Samdech Techo and the Chinese leaders exchanged views on cooperation in multilateral frameworks and on international issues. Taking this opportunity, **Samdech Techo** also invited **Premier Li Keqiang** to attend the 13th ASEM Summit in November 2020 in Phnom Penh. In response, the Chinese Premier confirmed his attendance.

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