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Royal Message

His Majesty Preah Karuna Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia

To the Opening of the First Session of the
of National Assembly of the 6th Legislature
5th September 2018

- *Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN*
- *Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei SAY CHHUM, President of the Senate*
- *Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia*
- *Samdech and Your Excellencies the Ambassadors and all distinguished guests!*

Today is a great day that the National Assembly of the 6th Legislature holds its First Session in accordance with the constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia after all members of parliament were recently elected in the parliamentary elections held on 29th July 2018.

Taking this terrific opportunity, it is my great pleasure to extend my congratulations to the First Session of the National Assembly of the 6th Legislature, and I also convey my warmest congratulations to all members of the National Assembly, who were newly elected by the wills and trust of the people in the general elections.

Since its inception in 1993 over 25 years ago to date, Cambodia has transformed itself from a country with national division and territorial separation into what it is today with the enjoyment of full peace, stability, democracy and development in all fields, and people from all walks of life are living with hope and happiness.

The National Assembly, which has a legislative power, will continue fulfilling its duty as stipulated in the constitution and laws in force aimed at ensuring political, socio-economic and cultural sustainability, building a firm and modernized kingdom based on laws so as to ensure that all citizens are equal before the law, while their rights and freedoms are protected and uplifted.

All members of parliament who represent the whole nation will expend more vigorous efforts helping people to enjoy equal access to religious belief, education, decent jobs that are commensurate with their capacity, knowledge and qualifications.

All laws passed by the National Assembly are the legal instruments to be carried out by the Royal Government to promote the rule of law in order to ensure that our country has adequate and appropriate legal frameworks in line with the developments and progress of our society.

It is my firm belief that the Royal Government of the new mandate will be given greater attention by the National Assembly, and will fulfill its duty in consistent with its political platform in beefing up economic growth and elevating the livelihoods of the people, further developing and strengthening social protection system covering all citizens, together with the preservation and expedition of sustainable cultural development with the aim of ensuring the firm existence of our national identity, speeding up socio-economic development, while in the meantime promoting morality for the maintenance of our social harmony.

To accomplish this supreme duty, our nation must stand united and show strong national solidarity based on the spirit of national unity, including the strict adherence to four immeasurables in Buddhism (Brahmavihara): **loving-kindness, compassion, appreciative joy and equanimity.**

On this great moment, I extend my best wishes to the National Assembly of the 6th Legislature for smooth proceedings with the huge sense of responsibility and more success for the sake of the common interests of our fatherland and nation.

Lastly, I wish **Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei, Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdei, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo**, Samdech, Excellencies the esteemed Member of the National Assembly of the 6th Legislature, national and international distinguished guests the four benedictions of Buddha: **Longevity, Nobility, Happiness and Strength.**