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His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, will preside over the launching ceremony of the National Secretariat of Cambodia for Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (NSC-MLC), to be held on 10 October 2017, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Their Excellencies Ambassadors/Representatives of the Mekong-Lancang Countries in Cambodia, namely Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Viet Nam and China and senior officials of the Royal Government of Cambodia will also be in attendance.

The launching of this National Secretariat marks Cambodia's engagement together with other four countries of the Southeast Asia that are geographically located along the Mekong River in cooperating closely with China to promote development in the region with the objective of creating a community of shared future of peace and prosperity.

Since its establishment in 2015, the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation has adopted a two-year rotation among Mekong's riparian countries to co-chair with China, the permanent chair of Lancang river in enhancing political and security cooperation, achieving economic and sustainable development as well as promoting social, cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

It is worth noting that in order to further strengthen the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Mechanism, the six countries of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation agreed at its 2nd Foreign Ministers' Meeting last December, in Siem Reap, Cambodia, to set up a National Secretariat/Coordination Unit within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs respectively. Moreover, Cambodia will host and co-chair with China the 2nd Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Leaders' Meeting in January 2018 as well.

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