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**Outcomes of the Official Visit of H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of
Cambodia to the Republic of Turkey
01-03 October 2018**

H.E. Mr. Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, concluded an official visit to Turkey on 01-03 October 2018 at the invitation of Turkish Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu. The purpose of the visit is to further promote closer friendship and stronger cooperation between Cambodia and Turkey, and to prepare the upcoming official visit of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to Turkey.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister had a productive bilateral meeting with his Turkish counterpart during which the Turkish side commended the high turnout in July's elections and overwhelming support for the ruling party based on the people's free will. Minister Çavuşoğlu expressed Turkey's readiness to host **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** in Ankara later this year.

To further strengthen the cordial amity and bolster across-the-board ties, the Cambodian side will open an embassy in Ankara in 2019. The Turkish side agreed to host the 2nd Joint Economic Commission very soon with a view to charting new actions to boost the trade and economic partnership, including the efforts to attain the trade goal of US\$500 million in the coming years. Both ministers agreed to work together to expand cooperation in the spheres of investment, trade, direct flight, technology, tourism, agriculture, education, sports, culture, water resources, etc. Minister Çavuşoğlu pledged Turkey's support for Cambodia's demining efforts and ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center. The two ministers signed MoU to promote cooperation between the two diplomatic institutes.

They also exchanged their views on a number of pressing international issues. They attached importance to ASEAN-Turkey sectoral dialogue partnership, and agreed to work with other ASEAN member states to conclude practical cooperation areas for this status.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister had a separate meeting with H.E. Mr. VOLKAN BOZKIR, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of Turkey's Grand National Assembly (TBMM). Their dialogue centered around the specific measures to promote parliamentary partnership at bilateral and multilateral frameworks. Both sides



underscored the complementary role of the national assembly, which offers an additional avenue to enhance economic and trade cooperation. The said committee highly appreciated Cambodian approach to Muslim community, which enables them to live harmoniously with the rest of the population.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister paid a courtesy call upon **H.E. Mr. Binali Yıldırım**, Speaker of the TBMM. Both sides shared the views that serious initiatives are necessary to help realize the above-said trade target. The Turkish side looks forward to welcoming high-level delegation of Cambodia's Senate to the 3rd Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries' Parliaments, slated on 8-11 October 2018 in Ankara.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister also paid a courtesy call upon H.E. Mr. Fuat Oktay, Vice President of the Republic of Turkey, during which he conveyed Samdech Techo Prime Minister's sincere appreciation to **H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey**, who was among the first world leaders to compliment Cambodia's recent election. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to bolstering political, economic and people exchange with a view to taking the bilateral relations to a new height, and agreed to work together to counter common threats to sovereignty, independence and democracy. *p*

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