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**Outcome of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Cambodia-Indonesia Joint Commission  
for Bilateral Cooperation  
Jakarta, 03-04 December 2018**

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His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a delegation to attend and co-chair with Her Excellency Retno L.P. MARSUDI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Cambodia-Indonesia Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC), held on 04 December 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Prior to co-chairing the 4<sup>th</sup> JCBC Meeting, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and H.E. Minister Retno L.P. MARSUDI had a bilateral meeting during which the two Foreign Ministers shared with each other the current developments on politics and socio-economics of their respective countries and views on regional issues.

During the 4<sup>th</sup> JCBC Meeting, both sides shared the view that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Indonesia in 2019 will become a significant milestone to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries. In celebrating this auspicious event, both sides welcomed the plan to jointly hold various activities.

The two sides engaged in extensive and in-depth discussions on the development of bilateral relations and measures to expand and deepen cooperation in various fields such as defense and security cooperation, trade and investment, agriculture, air connectivity, industry, energy, culture, tourism, education, information, transportation and health.



The Ministers agreed to encourage the finalization of the internal procedure necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement concerning cooperation in the Field of Defense which was signed on 23 October 2017 and welcomed the initiative to forge closer cooperation between the relevant defense institutions of the two countries.

While noting the increasing of trade volume between the two countries, the Ministers agreed to discuss the possibility for the amendment of the Trade Agreement between Cambodia and Indonesia signed in 1997 in order to incorporate new development of trade in both countries.

The meeting agreed to encourage the investment in Pharmaceutical industry, cement, chemical fertilizers, rubber, processed food and automobile industry. The two Ministers also welcomed the increasing Indonesian investment in Cambodia. On this positive note, Indonesian side agreed to continue encouraging its investors to invest in Cambodia.

The Meeting agreed to facilitate more trading on agricultural commodities and expedite the discussion of MOU on Cooperation in Agriculture.

The Meeting agreed to improve air connectivity and to further encourage the airlines operators to operate direct flights between the two countries.

Both sides encouraged related institutions to review MOU on Tourism Cooperation signed in 1999, and welcomed the initiative to expand joint cooperation in promoting the common cultural background between Cambodia and Indonesia. Moreover, the meeting also encouraged the renewal of MOU on Cultural Cooperation which will be expired on 26 February 2019.

The Cambodian side expressed appreciation for Indonesia's continued assistance in providing scholarships for Cambodian students to study in Indonesia, and both sides welcomed initiatives of the collaboration between Cambodia's National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations (NIDIR) and Center for Education and Training of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.

Besides, both sides also exchanged views on regional and global issues of common concerns, including "Indo-Pacific" initiative.

The two sides agreed to convene the 5<sup>th</sup> JCBC Meeting in 2020 in Cambodia.

At the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> JCBC Meeting, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and H.E. Retno L.P Marsudi signed the Agreed Minutes on the outcome of the meeting.



Phnom Penh, 05 December 2018