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On the Outcome of the Visit and Participation in the World Summit 2020 on the theme "Peace, Security and Human Development" of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen,

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in the Republic of Korea from 03-05 February 2020

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, has successfully completed his visit and participation in the the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) 2020 World Summit on the theme "Peace, Security and Human Development" in the Republic of Korea from 3 to 5 February 2020.

During this visit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen had a bilateral meeting with His Excellency President Moon Jae-in and exchanged views over a luncheon with His Excellency Chung Sye-kyun, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, on bilateral relations and cooperation between Cambodia and the Republic of Korea. Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen received separated courtesy calls by two dignitaries namely, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and current President of the Global Green Growth Institute and Chairman of Korea's National Council on Climate Change and Air Quality and Professor Ahn Moon Suk, Co-Chair of the e-Government Promotion Committee of the Republic of Korea. He also met with over 1,000 Cambodians who are living, working and studying in the Republic of Korea.

Samech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen and President Moon Jae-in expressed satisfaction with the strength of friendship and cooperation between Cambodia and the Republic of Korea in bilateral and multilateral frameworks. Both Leaders recalled the

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Tel : (855) 22 216 1225 Fax : (855) 23 216 141 923 213 341 Email : mfaic@mfaic.gov.kh fruitful state visit of President Moon Jae-in to Cambodia in March 2019 and the importance of bilateral agreements signed during this visit and during the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit and the First Mekong-ROK Summit held in Busan in November 2019, for enhancing cooperation in rural development, investment, trade, agriculture, health, ICT, finance, and law enforcement.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen and President Moon Jae-in agreed to expedite the negotiation and conclusion of Cambodia-ROK Free Trade Agreement in order to increase bilateral trade which increased to nearly 1 billion US dollar in 2019 and also encourage early signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding on Tourism Cooperation to replace the expired one. President Moon Jae-in joined Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen in welcoming the commencement of import of Cambodia's fresh mangoes into the Korean market. Responding Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen's request, President Moon Jae-in pledged to further promote cooperation in the fields of agriculture, forestry and rural development in Cambodia and encourage more Korean investors and companies to invest in Cambodia and seize the opportunity to participate in physical infrastructure development in Cambodia.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen thanked the Government of the Republic Korea for providing grant aid and concessional loans to support Cambodia's development in various areas, including infrastructure, and requested the Republic of Korea to reconsider building a bridge over the Mekong River to symbolize friendship between the two countries. Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen also requested Korean authorities to continue recruiting more workers from Cambodia and caring for the welfare of Cambodian nationals who live and work in the Republic of Korea.

On regional and international cooperation, President Moon Jae-in expressed appreciation for the effort and initiative of Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen which resulted in the successfull convening of ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit and the First Mekong-ROK Summit in the Republic of Korea in November 2019. President Moon Jae-in also thanked the Royal Government of Cambodia for supporting for the policy of the Republic of Korea for common prosperity and peace in the Korean Pennisular. His Excellency Moon Jae-in also committed to attend the 13th ASEM Summit in Phnom Penh in November 2020 and assured his active supports for Cambodia's hosting of the Summit Samdech Techo Prime Minister responded positively to His Excellency Moon Jae-in's

invitation for a high-level Cambodian delegation to the "Second P4G Summit: Partnership for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030" in June 2020 in Seoul.

During the courtesy call by His Excellency Ban Ki-Moon, Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen confirmed that he may attend the Second P4G summit on 28-29 June 2020 and had an in-depth exchange of views on climate change and Cambodia's contribution to the United Nations peacekeeping mission.

The meeting with **Professor Ahn Moon Suk** focused on promotion of Cambodia-Repbulic of Korea cooperation in the development of e-Government and Cambodian human resources training corresponding to Cambodia's need and context.

Furthermore, preceding the opening ceremony of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) 2020 World Summit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister received a courtesy call by the UPF Founder, Hak Ja Han Moon, and exchanged views with her on peace, security and human development, climate change and the development of the recent Novel Coronavirus outbreak which is now the concern of the world.

In his keynote address at the World Summit 2020 on theme of "Peace, Security and Human Development", Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen called for all governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to work actively in concert to resolve global challenges in order to maintain peace, security and sustainable development for humankind. He also highlighted that, as a country ravaged by wars and immense tragedies, Cambodia gives the highest value to peace and stability that has enabled all its people to enjoy socio-economic development and prosperity today. The Cambodian government is also fully aware that sustained peace is inseparable from the equitable distribution of the fruits of economic development and resourceful human capital building.

