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10 November 2016 — Samdech Techo Hun Sen is welcome by students in the Bun Rany Hun Sen High School, Memot, Tbong Khmom

Triangle Area Development at CLV Summit

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In addition to the prepared text, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen made impromptu comments on selected issues as followed:

Triangle Area Development – Cambodian Prime Minister's Initiative

Before ending this speech, let me share with the press that I am so proud to say that I, as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, was the one to initiate idea for the triangle area development -TAD (among the three countries - Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam). It was so fortunate that the initiative was supported by former Prime Minister Sisavath Keobounphanh of (the People's Democratic Republic of) Laos, and former Prime Minister Phan Van Khai of (the Socialist Republic of) Vietnam.

Cambodia brought up this initiative when its per capita income was at 294 USD. As of present, the figure rose to 1,300 USD and the country is on its way from low-

income country to lower-middle income status.

The Three Countries Propose Five Triangle Development Projects to Partners

The triangle area was formerly isolated, mainly on the Cambodian side. At present, Cambodia has been working to transform it into one of the most potentials in the country.

In order to further the development, the three Prime Ministers have agreed to approve initiatives proposed by their Ministers and Senior Officials that each country will propose five projects to development partners, especially Japan and the Asian Development Bank, for supports.

In addition to this, we see the need to expedite development in the area through various other initiatives including issues of infrastructures, human resource training, etc. We have identified the fact

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Speaking to APA 9th Plenary Session

(28 November 2016 — Unofficial Selection and Translation)

It Is Time to Assess Color Revolution

A moment ago, HE President of the Senate of Pakistan raised a number of recently emerging issues. I would like to take this opportune moment to seek your opinion if it is time for an assessment of the so-called color revolution. As of now, where have those who aided

and abetted the color revolution gone into hiding? Places where there happened to be war to overthrow (someone or regimes) by military means and/or color revolution, disguised under democracy and human rights, are now suffering severe devastation.

What have the people of Iraq

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Inaugurating NR 76—Sen Monorom/Ta Ang

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National Road 76 – Important Connectivity

I have the opinion that the national 76 is an important connectivity. Please allow me to take this opportune moment to express my sincere thanks through Ambassador HE Xiong Bo to the government and people of the People's Republic of China for such a wonderful assistance of the 172 Kilo-

meters road as prescribed by Senior Minister Sun Chanthol. HE Xiong Bo also reminded the state of difficulty to commute between the two provinces in the past. However, I wish to add to what they had said that our trip to the northeastern provinces then from the lower area was so difficult. Traveling here would take days or even weeks. People used to say

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Building 1,200 Km Rural Roads

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A Memory of 42 Years

My best regards to Buddhist monks, Imams of Islam who have bestowed us their presences today. I am conveying my humble respects to elders and compatriots for taking their times to join in the ceremony to put into official use the 543 km rural roads. I have come to a place, Kompong Treas, where I have had so many memories from 42 years ago. It was in

1972, when I was 20 years old. I then came to live here but I seemed to have problem pointing to the direction of where it is at present. More so, this area has recorded our first love – between

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Closing the Cambodia National Games

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Once again, my wife and I are so pleased to join with all of you to close the first national games after we also came for the opening on 28 October 2016. On this auspicious occasion, my wife and I are expressing appreciations for cooperation and efforts made in so far to organize smoothly this event bringing the national games to a closing with fruitful and brilliant results.

Winning or Losing, One Must Train More

The reports by Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, HE Hang Chuon Naron, and Minister of Tourism and President of the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia, have clearly set lights on the efforts made together to for the first-ever national games organization. On this occasion, I have high opinion on efforts professionally made by sportsmen and sportswomen in taking parts in every competition. I hope that our sportsmen and sportswomen, those who won and lost alike, will see that this event is not their final efforts. I hope that winners will continue to make more efforts to improve their capacity to ensure their achievements at national, regional, and international levels. For those who have not made it this time, I hope that they will also continue to make efforts to achieve victories in the time to come.

National Games – An Achievement of Peace from Win-Win Policy

I am taking this opportune moment to convey my appreciation to concerned commissions, arbitrary teams, and organizers of each, and every, sports subjects for their endeavors to make this historical event a success. I wish to convey my appreciation and thanks to people in the whole country who have made their participations through encouragements for our sportsmen and sportswomen in every subject. On behalf of the Royal Government, I bestow appreciation and thanks to the armed forces for making successful efforts to safeguard security and public order for this huge event. The national games clearly indicates achievement of peace scored from win-win policy. We are in the time of peace and political stability on our way towards national day on 9 November, and the forthcoming water festival's boat racing, moon praying and rice crushed eating ceremonies.

On this occasion, I also thank the various companies for their supports and sponsorships of the event and hope that companies as well as institutions and organizations will respond to my appeal for the alliances with sports federations. By doing so, I am sure our sportsmen and sportswomen will feel the encouragement further.

Every Institutions Must Be Ready for Next Games

I wish to reaffirm that there will be three national games in 2018, 2020 and 2022, happening every two years, before we will host the South East Asian Games in 2023. According to the scores listed from the national games, we have noticed that some institutions have not had their sports teams to participate yet. There should be more and not just those teams from the Ministry of Interior and National Defense. I strongly wish to see that for the next national games, more sports

teams from other institutions will make their presences. We all must share the national goal and contribute to thinking, doing and taking responsibility.

Size Does Not Matter

According to the scores list of those who have won gold, silver, or bronze medals, let us have our attention here that may all the provinces in the Kingdom of Cambodia make further efforts to instill sports activities among people from younger age for competition at provincial level and make their way stage after stage to completion in 2018. What surprised us here is that the province of Thong Khmom, with a population of nearly one million, scored not a single medal. This is a wakeup call for governor and provincial governing council of Tbong Khmom to pay more attention. This also serves as example to other provinces, whose sports teams score only one medal.

I hope that every province will renew their efforts in sports and their trainings aiming for participation and more medals in the second national games in 2018. I have firm belief that every province will do their bests and I wish to announce here that the province of Preah Vihear, small and far away, was able to beat down Kompot in volleyball. Preah Vihear is small and has even smaller population, and remote, but it managed to stand second in volleyball.

I also convey my sincere appreciation for the province of Siem Reap for winning over the Phnom Penh team to secure its stand of number one in football. These two examples have clearly affirmed that big or small province, smaller or bigger population is not decisive factor. It is not true that bigger province has the best sportsmen or sportswomen. Smaller and lesser number of people province also can make it to the top if they pay attention efforts, with full participation of leaders and people.

One Person, One Sport

On this occasion, I wish to reaffirm to our people, especially our youth and children, to make further efforts to

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that Vietnam has ability to provide more on human resource training and development. Laos has energy resource. Its electricity can be helpful for Cambodia and Vietnam. Cambodia will put together a plan on wiring electricity from Laos to Cambodia. Vietnam may as well work out a plan to purchase electricity from Laos, who is one of the batteries in the region.

VDO Conference on TAD Established for the Three Prime Ministers

This evening we have agreed to have connectivity that is very important in term of communication. We have established VDO conference connection among the three Prime Ministers and related works on triangle area development (TAD).

We have decided to have more communications at Prime Ministers' level in addition to those of Ministers'. I am sure that from this time onward our officials and people as a whole will benefit more from efforts made by the three Prime Ministers. Let us work together to transform this poor area into a developmental one in the time to come./.

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the land in Ratanakiri was so sticky that once you were there, you would not wish to go anywhere else. Absence of infrastructure put people in indescribable difficulty.

I could recall that I once travelled from Mondulkiri to Stoeng Treng. It was in 1990. Comparing the scenes between then and now, it is a stark contrast. Travelled with me were brothers - Bou Thang and Soey Keo. Some of our officials warned me not to travel because there was no good road condition and more so there was presence of the former Khmer Rouge forces in the area. I told them whoever was concerned could travel back to Phnom Penh. We started the journey early in the morning and stopped for lunch at Sre Pork. There were segments of roads that we had to travel through oxcart paths. On the contrary, two months ago, I spent a night at Baan Lung before continuing my journey. It was splendid.

Infrastructural Connectivity - Chance for Development

I was stopped on the way though. People stopped me as part of my plan to reorganize geo-educational setup. In between Mondulkiri and Ratanakiri, I stopped by and decided to build more schools along the road, including this place. There is this secondary school Kon Mom, where everyone in that school passed the secondary school exams, though none made it through to mention A. It is an amazing story indeed, while in the lower area, only between 50% and 60% of students passed the exams. This has proved that our policy is correct and we must continue to assist our people by making more internal transports infrastructure and connectivity developments as well as connections with neighboring countries.

China Helps with Cambodia's Socio-Economic Development

This has made a strong argument that connectivity and better infrastructure opens great chance for development in every field. To end these difficulties mentioned, either from war, absence of infrastructures such as roads and bridges and/or mines, the Royal Government and the people of Cambodia have been working closely with development partners, especially the People's Republic of China, to connect the whole country together. I agree with the point made by senior Minister HE Sun Chanthol that finding money to build road is not easy. It is so fortunate that we did it because we have a great partner the People's Republic of China, with whom we have elevated our relations from good neighboring friendship to that of strategic comprehensive partnership, through which we have secured resource ability to build infrastructure for socio-economic development and poverty reduction for our people [...]

Redistribution of Social Labor for Defense and Socio-Economic Development

This is what we call redistribution of social labor for the sake of better national defense and socio-economic development. The country was formerly imbalanced between labor in the area where there are high density of population and those with lower ones. Poverty reduction policy has also taken effect altogether increasing ability to narrow the gap between people in urban and rural area, while visually, taking away people's difficulties in making journey. This is a sense of what connectivity is like. The development partners, Chinese our especially friend, have contributed so much in improving connectivity in the Kingdom of Cambodia. They have finished building a number of roads and are working on more. As for this road, which one of the most difficult ones, we have put those difficulties, especially the area at the bridge of Sre Pork, behind us now.

More Chinese Capital Needed for More Roads in the Northeast

We have achieved our goal of connectivity, through which we are able to connect with neighboring countries. With this national Road 76 in place, we have ensured a linkup to Laos on national road 7 and another side to Vietnam on national road 78. The national road 76 also has a link to Vietnam at Dak Dam. I have just shown Ambassador of China, HE Xiong Bo, our map and plan in which more roads needed in the Mom Bei area. It is sure that we may need Chinese financial help for the project as others would just say it but do not have the financial ability to carry it through.

We need roads in this area. As envisioned by the map presented by Senior Minister HE Sun Chanthol and his expert team, we are going to need more roads here and some would link up Baan Lung to Mom Bei, which shares connectivity to both Vietnam and Laos. We also need a road that links Baan Lung to the districts of Voeun Sai and Siem Pang, and to Dong Kralo, on the border with Laos, with a linkup to national road 7 too. For lower part, we need a road from the district of Koh

Nhek to Kratie, and from the city of Sen Monorom to Kratie too. From Sen Monorom to the district of Pichrada also needs a road that will also go through to Vietnam. As you can see we have a much wider plan for roads infrastructure, for which we are seeking financial assistance from the People's Republic of China and other development partners.

Looking for Low Interest Credit

We have stronger hope in our Chinese friend for the ability to build up internal connectivity in the area. Our people in the whole country, especially those in Ratanakiri and Mondulkiri, and/or the whole northeastern area and triangular development area, are aware that there will be a Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam summit in Siem Reap province. We are seeking to attract more investment funds for the four underdeveloped of provinces Ratanakiri, Mondulkiri, Kratie Stoeng Treng. We have supports from the People's Republic of China, the Asian Development Bank, and from Japan. However, for this road, if it were not for the Chinese assistance, would not have made it this far.

We could not place our hope in other financial institutions, except the new Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). However, we would get a deal only if we could get a lowest possible interest rate. The Chinese friend, I am sure, will continue to provide infrastructural development assistance, which is in line with the priority of the Chinese silk-road policy "one belt, one road," and is in tandem with the Royal Government's rectangular strategy. The Chinese friend also

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gives a priority to such project. The policy of redistributing economic growth in the most equitable way is to build roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, etc., which eventually narrow down the gap between urban and rural.

Extended Loading Compartment Vehicles Must Stop

... What we need to do now is to allow no overloaded trucks to damage our roads. I wish to add further to the appeal of senior Minister Sun Chanthol that this is not a new thing to do or to talk about. Overloading trucks is one thing but there have also trucks that are extending their loading compartments. I brought this matter up in Siem Reap years ago. We must continue to do this work. To get back to the streets, extended compartment trucks first must have them trimmed according to standard. They have made their loading compartments extended in length and in height. This creates condition for danger ... We must arrest and confiscate those trucks with modified loading compartment beyond respect of technical norms. (Concerned) authority must order trimming them back to its original shapes and sizes, or leave them rotten in one place. We cannot allow them transport overloaded goods to damage our roads. We made so much effort to build roads and roads are for whose interests? [...]

Please Go and Register for Voting Rights

Today, only eight more days left, from here the province of Ratanakiri, I am calling on all citizens in the whole country who have not registered for voting rights yet to go and do so before the registration offices in the whole country close in the evening of 29 November. Failing to get your name registered means that you abandon your right to vote. I am calling again to eligible voters to hurry to register to guarantee their rights to vote in the forthcoming communal council elections on 4 June 2017 and the general elections in 2018. I am urging you to do so and calling on officials at the registration boots to work hard to help our people with their last minutes registration formalities and procession.

Drying Rice for Sale at Better Market Price

My second appeal is concerning with the coming rice harvest season, and some have already started it. The amount of rice harvested this year will be abundant. However, the world and region are facing up with problem of rice price trends going downward. It is not the case only in Cambodia. Thailand, Vietnam, and many other rice exporting countries are facing this problem. I am calling on our people to harvest and dry their rice to keep them safe for a while waiting for better market price to surge. If they sell their rice wet, merchants will offer a lower price. It is true that our people are having difficulties because they may need to sell rice to get cash for other needs or to pay back debts to micro-finance institutions or banks from whom they loaned money. Still, I think that with some patience, our people would be able to avoid having their rice price devalued by merchants. They should try the best they can to harvest, dry, store up and wait for the price to pick up to sell it [...]

China Increases Rice Import Quota to 200,000 Tons, Vietnam – 300,000

Tons

This year (2016) according to estimate, we will have some five million metric tons of surplus paddy rice after subtracting amount for local consumption and seeds. We have secured export quotas of 200,000 metric tons to China, 300,000 tons to Vietnam and some more to Europe. We cannot expect help in term of rice price because the regional market is congested. I am calling on our people to reserve understanding to current hardship that our country is facing on rice price.

China is a food sufficient country. It allowed us exports of 100,000 metric tons in the previous years. However, in the course of his visit to Cambodia of the Chinese President Xi Jinping, I had brought up the issue with him. I also had discussions three times with Premier Li Keqiang, whom I met and worked with in the ASEAN Plus summit in Vientiane. Laos: in Ulaanbaatar of Mongolia during the ASEM summit, and Hainan during the Mekong-Lancang summit. Our Chinese friends agreed to increase purchasing amount of rice from Cambodia from 100,000 metric tons 200,000 metric tons. Please let me warn you to make sure your supply is unique and good quality [...]

With Vietnam, we also have secured a deal at the CLMV meeting. We signed an agreement to export some 300,000 metric tons to Vietnam tax-free. Putting the two deals together, we will be able to export some 500,000 metric tons of rice. We need to find more markets for our rice export. The Royal Government is making efforts in searching for markets for our farmers' produce ... While the Royal

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that there will be a new King on 1 December. Why did I go out on Trump, the US elections? Well, as a powerful country, what happens in the US would have tremendous relations to every part of the world, let alone Asia-Pacific. What would happen to TPP? What would the relationship between powerful nations be?

I think this is rights in making understanding and analysis. I do not get it when some came out and blamed Trump to be a dictator because Hun Sen, Putin, etc. support him. What a naïve thing to have in mind [...]

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practice at least one sport. It could be one for competition as amateur or just for keeping the best of health. Please stay away from drug. Let us take sports as goal and action for the sake of solidarity, cooperation, and understanding.

I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the artistic performers, and the armed forces, here present or watching live, those Cambodians abroad and our peacekeeping troops on missions in Lebanon. Sudan. South Sudan. Central African Republic, and Mali, ... I hope that people's participation will embolden our sports activities and ensure our march towards any competition as a sovereign nation - on equal rights and footing in the region and the world. Finally, I am declaring the closing of the first national games at this time ...

Government is making efforts, I am seeking people's understanding of the many difficulties we are facing that finding markets for agricultural produce is one of them

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benefitted from the removal of Saddam Hussein, or Ben Ali for Tunisians, or Muammar Gaddafi for Libyans, Hosni Mubarak for Egyptians. Who would take responsibility for the war against the regime of President Assad in Syria or that of Yemen? Who are responsible? Was it worth it to have tens of thousands lives killed iust for the sake of removing one leader or government? It is now time to see if color revolution is acceptable. What should the International Criminal Court (ICC) do to those war chieftains? Bring them to justice or give them Noble Peace Prize?

Aside from daily reported deaths in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen, etc., how many refugees have had to cross the sea to get themselves to Europe? Europe has been hash on those people too. What responsibility should Europe take to help those people? These issues are for us to ponder on to prevent recurrence of such actions by individuals or countries.

Take the case of Cambodia for instance, in detest of Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk, (certain elements) conducted a coup to remove him, the action of which brought about war, destruction and deaths. In between 1970 and 1975, tens of thousands of Cambodians died. In between 1975 and 1979, over three millions Cambodia died. We were able to put an end to war in 1998. We Cambodians have tasted wars. We need to have a door opening to peace. However, we are not narrowminded nationalists.

That we have a meeting here today, a big family of Parliamentary Assembly in Asia, we should see that it is our responsibility to bring this issue to attention. For the

moment of speaking, I think fighting rages in Mosul and other parts of Syria. People fled their homes in Libya, Syria, Yemen and others for Europe, who has its door shut. I am calling on countries in Europe to open their doors for refugees, give them appropriate shelters, works, etc. because they are the ones with responsibility for supporting the color revolution related US policy.

Counter-Terrorism International Conference

I think it is also time for is to figure out why terrorism does not subside? It has evolved from a small Taliban group in Afghanistan to Al Qaeda, and now to ISIS or IS. Where did they come from? We should discuss this too. In the ASEAN-US summit in last February in the US, I raised this issue asking should we have an international conference on counterterrorism. However, no one answered my question. Now, from here, I am appealing for an international conference on fight against terrorism, which should embody reasons why there arise terrorism? Why some countries have become targets of terrorist acts? Why some hated not only some individual leaders but also their allies? In order to defend peace we must prevent peace destroyer from taking their beings. To keep peace, there must be no war-makers. We may not blame the countries in wars but those who colluded and interfered to make and support wars.

Speak Out for a Peaceful, Reconciliatory, Cooperative and Sustainable World

Well, I seemed to have gone far beyond our subject matter but I think that maintaining peace is encompassing everything — development and peace has dialectical relation.

Without peace, there would certainly be no development. Without development, it is impossible to keep peace. Alleviating poverty is therefore an important reason in our efforts to prevent war and to keep lasting peace. In this moment, people of different nationalities are fleeing the Middle East to Europe and they are not legal settlers yet. I just heard days now that Turkey threatens to open the gates and send refugees to Europe. If that is true, I think it is a good point because it is indeed Europe's responsibility for supporting the US policy in waging color revolution in the Middle East. They are obliged to provide descent shelters and works and not leave them deserted in the sea or keep them in dense camps like

I have spoken the truth. I hope our foreign friends who have concerned themselves with wars in the Middle East and formerly the sufferings of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos, must step out and accept responsibility. There would not be smoke, if there were no fire. Nowadays we seem to have sit fanning the smoke and do not extinguish the fire. Countries with ability to make war are not weak. We just blamed what has happened and what brought them up? Look into the case of Cambodia, why war came to our country. As to who had caused war, we have not actually spoken openly about it. Some did not dare to spit it out because they need those countries' helps. For justice, no matter who that would be, (I) must dare speak out for a peaceful, reconciliatory, cooperative and sustainable world.

North Korea Nuke Issue, US Campaign Topics, US-Russia Reconciliatory

Well, also from this forum, I

am expressing my deep concern on the North Korean nuclear issue. We have news. true or not there is no way to certify, that the leader of North Korea said he would fire missiles to welcome President-elect Donald Trump at his inaugural presidential ceremony. If it is true, it seems that firing missiles is just like making fireworks at any given ceremony. I may want to stress about the various topics campaigned in the presidential election this year in the US. They are worth having a look and studying. They had brought to light many issues - ISIS existence is whose mistake or responsibility, included.

I have no interest in interfering in the US affairs. Whoever wins the elections will become the president. It is a normal procedure. In Cambodia, 99% of onlookers bet that Donald Trump would lose. I could probably be only one person who said Trump would win. Well, winning or losing is problem of the American people. We would have to work with whoever wins the elections. I did not criticize Hillary Clinton as some people did. I see that it is now time that the US and Russia seeks reconciliatory term as the two countries' tense relation has caused regional and world concerns.

I do not give my consent to who wins the elections. My comment rests on analysis of relation of the two nuclear great powers - Russia and the US. According to what Donald Trump promised during the election campaign, I hope the two nuclear great powers will move for rapprochement. I hope that my voice would not cause dissatisfaction from outgoing President Barack Obama or conceded Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton...

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my wife and me. She was a nurse in a hospital in Kroch Chhmar but later moved to work here. In those days, it was not the district of Kroch Chhmar because they created a new commune and a new district made of Kompong Treas commune of Kroch Chhmar as the district of Peam Jilang [...]

Behind this place there should be a small river called Peam Jilang River. People would come here for fish to conserve for one-year consumption. Well, in those days, communication was not the same. People now are in contacts with one another online from anywhere and/or to anywhere in the world. In those days, when the news reached me in Jiro, Kompong Russei, that she was in Peam Jilang, my rush to see her was useless because she already left. However, it was a very good memory. People here at their fifties and above would recognize me as I used to work here.

Inaugurating 543-Km Rural Roads, Building 1,200-Km More

I am so pleased today to be able to join with our Buddhist monks, Excellencies, ladies, and gentlemen, especially our compatriots, and donors - Republic of Korea, Asian Development Bank, France, Nordic Fund, Australia. Strategic Climate Fund, the Royal Government - for providing us assistances for this project. Today I am here to bestow two events firstly, the official inauguration of the 543-Km 23 lines of rural roads, DBST, and concrete, built in eight provinces. You may recall that I declared their groundbreaking in Pursat province. They are now ready and in use. Secondly, we are launching the groundbreaking ceremony to build another 1,200-Km 75 lines of rural roads in thirteen provinces.

We have coined here the term improving rural roads condition but in fact it was nothing else than building them new. According to memories that I used to stay here, from the ferry of Tonle Bet through to areas further north, they were dirt roads and there were only animalpulled carts and bicycles. It was rare to see motorbikes traveling along. There would not be any cars. That is the truth. Now, many rural roads were built under the RGC's projects, some of them are already serving our needs for commuting and transporting.

Based on rural roads construction experiences that we have, now we are working on a total length of 1,200-Km rural roads in thirteen provinces, with DBST or concrete. As for our road here, from Tonle Bet through to Treas commune, we have opted for concrete because parts of the road will be flooded so it would stand the water shed better than DBST. Among all 75-road lines, only this line that we decided to make it concrete.

Vietnamese Immigrants in Cambodia Since the French Were Here

The present time is not time for ox-carts or elephant paths anymore. We need to build roads and try to improve every roads condition. Aside from the national road, we are busy working on building bridges, and soon to come, people from the river of Aji, national road 7, could travel through here to Treas commune because we were going to build a bridge. The bridge would connect the village of Treas on the Tbong Khmom side and Boeng Kanjot, Prey Kok commune of Kompong Cham side. In

fact, Kanjot could not be a Khmer word. In those days, the French brought in Vietnamese immigrants here and they continued to live in the country. Why do some scold me in ignorance of history? I am from younger generation. The French brought the Vietnamese immigrants in to help with their rubber works. About 70% of the workers in rubber plantation were Vietnamese. Why did they ignore history and focus the blame on me? Did they not think of being sinful?

Infrastructural Development – Correct Policy for Country's Development

Maybe I should underline here that infrastructural policy that I as well as the Cambodian People's Party, have initiated continues to be correct and viable for national development. For Cambodia to advance in development, we could not continue to survive with ferries. There are real needs for bridges. We have now come to a stage where Bailey bridges replaced by concrete ones. I think we have built already the bridge from Peam Jilang to Baat Dey. We have built bridges over the rivers of Mekong, Se Kong, Tonle Sap, and Bassac – for which how many people could have thought about their happenings? I would not imagine it myself [...]

It is true that we have just broken Tbong Khmom away from Kompong Cham for reason that the province of Kompong Cham was too big – about two million populations. The river of Mekong stays as their frontier. Tbong Khmom is a newly created province and it was before a part of Kompong Cham. After the separation, there are still over one million populations on the part of Kompong Cham and about 800,000 on

the part of Tbong Khmom. As you can see that from the two provinces, we have more than two million populations [...]

I trust that our internally indevelopment frastructural policy is still important. I used to travel through this area. In the past, I am sure people were in difficulty as I However. going through a certain times and stages, we have built infrastructures - roads and bridges, conducive for transportation and traveling. Further, who would have imagined that now in Cambodia we have about three million motorcycles and about one million cars? In the commune of Kompong Treas, when I was here in the older days, there were just a few motorbikes and Pol Pot later confiscated all of them.

Human, Water, Road, Electricity

It is in this opinion that I continue to invest on the four areas of priority - water, road, electricity, and human. With the gradual development and changes, we are now making human the first priority, which means we will have to build more schools. Human, water, road, and electricity - are correct policy and I will keep them priorities. As for connectivity, I have said to the Royal Government officials as well as our people that political integration would not be sufficient. I continue to say that separation through the winwin policy in Pailin and other former Khmer Rouge controlled areas would not be fruitful should we only integrate them politically and administratively. We need to build them roads and bridg-

It was fortunate that I had

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travelled along the Thai-Cambodian border on National Road 9 and a number of other roads like 59 from Banteay Meanjei to Pailin ... other newly built roads like 76, 78 on the parts of Mondulkiri, Ratanakiri, Stoeng Treng ... where in some places, to reach there would take weeks [...]. That we have built roads and bridges, people would find them useable and helpful. Take for instance, over a length of 30-Km road, people used to travel one hour and spend Riel 5,000, now that the road condition is better, they may do so only half an hour and spend only Riel 3000. People should see that the Royal Government is putting the rest of the money and time in your pocket. Their agricultural produces would also travel to market in better condition and lesser cost.

That is why I am reiterating that I am satisfied with continued implementation of national infrastructural development, in which, as we all see today, from DBST road technology, we even move to make them concrete. It is beyond our imagination and now such opportune moment has come our way. Let us hold it [...]

The 192-million USD 1,200 -Khm Rural Roads

... Over the span of 1,200 Kilometers, we had to spend up to 192 million USD and the projects have already started. Officially, we commenced in 2015 and the projects will span into 2020. The Royal Government has contributed from its part a sum of over 17 millions USD. The Asian Development Bank contributed 54 million USD, Republic of Korea -41 million USD, France – 40 million USD, Nordic Fund grant – 5.4 million USD, and

grant from Australia – 18 million USD. There are also nine million USD of grant and 7 million USD of credit from the Strategic Climate Fund [...]

With Roads and Bridges, We Have Hope

Before ending this address, please allow me to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ministry of Rural Development, whose works started from HE Chea Sophara, who now moves to be minister of Land Manage-Urbanization. ment. Construction, to the current Minister Ouk Rabun, for their efforts to seek financial assistance from various development partners. I thank the Ministry of Economy and Finance for providing our counterpart fund for the project. I am grateful to development partners for their assistances. I also have a strong impression on efforts of the previous eight and ten later provinces for making whatever necessary for the project to score achievement for people. With roads and bridges, people have hopes. I will not abandon infrastructural development policy and will continue to seek more financial assistance to build more. Soon, we will have another bridge spanning across the Mekong River at the village of Treas, on the part of Tbong Khmom, to Prek Kak of Kompong Cham [...]

CPP Policy Allows Muslim Wear Their Dress Codes

I may take this time to share with our foreign guests that that is what happened in Cambodia. Some countries would not allow it. They would not dare. The policy of the Cambodian People's Party (on the Muslim minority) or of Hun Sen allows our Muslim people to wear their dress codes in schools. This

National Technological Training Institute's Graduation

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Job Market Demands

Just now, I mentioned about the initial stage when there were no students interested in taking up studies in area of technology. NTTI was then almost idle. There was a student, whom we sent to study in the former East Germany. His education background was low and he could not follow education there. The host country thought of transferring him to specialized technical training. The student then decided that he returned to Cambodia because with technical training. he would not know where to find jobs. At present, the situation has changed and thousands of students are receiving training in NTTI and various other technical institutes. In the course of my visit to provinces, as you know that we now have

has proved effective harmonization of ethnicity and religions in Cambodia under the leadership of the Cambodian People's Party and the Royal Government of Cambodia led by Hun Sen. You may wear your dress codes sp that you will not sinful (according to the Koran) [...]

More School Buildings Provided

... There are over 700 students here in Kompong Treas – in primary level and junior college. When we make it a senior secondary school, the number of students would then reach 1,000 [...] Let us now build a three -floor school building with 31 classrooms. We would knock that one down and build a new one to bring the number of classrooms to 42. We also build another building with three rooms for the school's director ...

many other schools, the Korean run one is included, I took my time to see some of the students. Many had told me about their wishes to study this or that subject, in this or that school, as there has proven demand for technicians. There is certain demand for numerous expertises and it may not always be the case that they only managers. Take for instance the Exhibition Centre of Koh Pich, they need many technicians – electricians, mechanics, etc. to make the whole operation going.

Training Need for Agricultural and Small-Scale Transport Vehicles

I had said before that I see the interest in getting training for mechanical reparations of agricultural and small-scale transports vehicles. You may notice that water pumps and pulled tractors scatter throughout the country. There may not be sufficient number of mechanics everywhere. Some people may and some may not know how to fix them. They may have to transport them for mechanical help away from home. You may have the impression that Hun Sen wishes people to only mind about trivial things such as fixing pumps, motorcycles and pulled tractors. Well, that is where you are making money. Sometimes, when vou aim too high, it turns out to be impossible to find jobs.

In restaurants, for instance, if you do not have this team of cooks, how could it go? In Phnom Penh today, there are so many restaurants. If they do not have chefs, or good ones, or not ones with strict disciples and hygiene, they would not be able to attract

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(Continued from page 7) customers. Well, if you can go higher, you may just do it. Look, you may learn about Pacquiao the boxer in the Philippines, He started out as a kid sheltering himself under other people's extending roof. Now Pacquiao is one the millionaires who spent 150 million USD in building homes for homeless people. Many successful people started their lives from poverty and made themselves up stage after stage. I was a pagoda boy myself [...]

Cambodia Will Become Active Labour Industry Next Year

I may have to bring up a story and before telling you this, I wish to ask for an apology from Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar. That I bring this matter up is because some people have used her remarks to fight me. I said something in Hanoi though I did not say it directly to the President of Myanmar. In the World Economic Forum relating to the Mekong Area, I made a point that before Cambodia was a labour intensive industry country, or we used cheap labour. At present, Cambodia cannot use that term anymore. Cambodia has now reached a time when we will exercise minimum salary of 153 USD/month, started from 30 USD/month. We will move into labour active industry next year. As of present, the minimum salary is 140 USD/month and in a few months' time we would reach a new minimal level of 153 USD/month, or between 170 USD and 180 USD, plus other benefits.

I may have your attention that in Laos, labourers would receive their minimum salary of 100 USD, while in Myanmar they get only 80 USD/month. On a visit to Thai-

land, State Counsellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, Aug San Suu Kyi told the Myanmarese migrant workers "let's go home." It was when in Myanmar, minimum salary of workers was only 67 USD, according to a website. We may round it up to 80 USD. Seeing that, some politicians in Cambodia posted my picture in social media mocking me saying that "let's go find work in Thailand." I am urging them to break a rock to remember this. Let us wait and see if Myanmarese migrant workers return home for work? You may not have to believe me now but wait and see ...

Works, Emigrants, Immigrants

In this era, not only Cambodia who has their workers migrated for jobs in other country. We even have sought out jobs for our people abroad too. We did that in Korea and we are working on more job markets in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oatar, etc., in the Persian Gulf area. In Malaysia, we suspended female workers emigrants and we did a lot of work to facilitate workers to have legal work permit to Thailand. We should also remember that Thailand has had to send their workers out to Taiwan, the Middle East, etc., where they earn more money. They allow immigrant workers from Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, to address their labour shortage. Take the Philippines for instance they have over ten million emigrant workers to other countries in the world. About ten thousand of them are in Cambodia working in bars, restaurants and homes $[\ldots]$

Working to Keep Factories in Our Country

Every time the Japanese

company came and saw me for their investments, they always brought up two issues firstly, skilled labour and labour costs. Japan is one of the richest countries but they did not care less about how much they would need to pay for labour. Secondly, they always asked about electricity or energy. I may warn you all not to overlook these issues. You do not have the experience of holding power and managing the country.

As history proved, there was a time when you had schools but people were not very much interested because of lack of demand for such skills in the job market. As for this time around, we have thousands of people here -8,573 have graduated, and 3,911 are still pursuing their studies. This is the figure from one school. We have about a hundred of training institutes like this. Please do not have unhappy feeling about the fact that Hun Sen told you to do trivial things and not to become a Minister. We need people in every kind of jobs. The fact that I have brought this matter up is because I wish to show vou competition that we are facing in the time to come. You may remember to seek for jobs and retain what we have today [...]

If Donald Trump Wins, US-Russia Relation Better; US-China Relation Stays Good

... The other day I made an analysis of world political polarizations. I would keep a copy for Trump, no matter if he wins or loses. Many people made their analysis and comments to what I said. Winning or losing is for the American people to decide. My analysis was that if the Democrats win, I already knew Hilary Clinton (and I

never knew Trump), the Sino -US relations would be manageable because the twos have conflict resolving mechanism and promote cooperation between the two countries as trade partners. However, the US-Russian relations would not be great because of sanction that the US placed on Russia. If the Democrats continue to be in power, the sanction may go on. That was my analysis. It was my right. Why did they call Trump a dictator? They said many dictators support Donald Trump and they named Putin, Mugabe, and Hun Sen, included.

I think I would have to send them all to Trump, no matter if he wins or loses. If Trump were to win, the situation between Russia and the US would improve, while the US relation with China continues to be fine. This will make the world atmosphere better and the economy will progress. Why did they say I humiliate Hilary? What a twist. Let me tell you, I will send whatever you said against me on the matter to Donald Trump, no matter if he wins or loses. While you are saying that you have rights to say anything, I also wish to tell you that I also have rights to do so on internal and external issues.

Winning or losing for any one of the two candidates is indeed the US people to decide but for external political vision, we must look on to a more general conceptual political framework.

For instance, when HM the King of Thailand passed away, I had to order our troops to stay still not to cause any misunderstanding. I went to the Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh, and I went to Bangkok too to convey our final respect. We have heard

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