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**Outcomes of the Official Visit
of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to Hungary
and His Participation in the 5th CICA Summit in Tajikistan
from 13-15 June 2019**

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Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, successfully concluded both the official visit to the Republic of **Hungary** and his participation in the 5th Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (5th CICA) in Dushanbe, Tajikistan from 13-15 June 2019.

I. Samdech Techo Prime Minister's Official Visit to the Republic of Hungary : Four Cooperation Documents Signed, and Embassies to Reopen in Budapest and Phnom Penh.

During his visit, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** held a productive bilateral dialogue with **H.E. Mr. Viktor Orbán**, Prime Minister of Hungary in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Furthermore, he separately called on **H.E. Mr. Janos Ader**, President of Hungary and **H.E. Mr. László Kövér**, Speaker of National Assembly of Hungary.

The two Prime Ministers exchanged views on bilateral, regional and international agenda of mutual interest. The two leaders attached importance to fostering bilateral cooperation and strived to maximize the potential of their bilateral trade and investment. They concurred to task their respective institutions concerned to convene the 1st session of Joint Economic Committee at the earliest after the signing of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation.

They also stressed the important role of the private sector in economic development and encouraged close collaboration between the Chambers of Commerce of Cambodia and Hungary to unlock economic potentials and business opportunities in both countries.



Samdech Techo Prime Minister, on behalf of the people and the government of Cambodia, expressed his gratitude for the assistance of the people and the government of Hungary extended to Cambodia during the most difficult time after the liberation of the country in 1979, Hungary's contribution to the peacekeeping operation of the UNTAC, and Hungary's continued support for the development of Cambodia.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister also highly appreciated Hungary's support for TECHO 100 Village Model, consideration of rehabilitation of Koh Ke archeological site and mineclearance in Cambodia. He also expressed his sincere thanks to the government of Hungary for its kind offer of 15 scholarships to Cambodian students annually under the framework of Educational Exchange Program 2020-2022.

The two sides agreed to further promote exchanges and cooperation between their respective governments, legislatures, judicial and political parties. Moreover, Cambodia offered to host the 2nd round of political consultation between the two Foreign Ministries in 2020.

Both sides agreed to reopen Embassies in the respective capitals of Budapest and Phnom Penh to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the establishment of Cambodia-Hungary diplomatic relations in 2021.

H.E. Prime Minister Viktor Orbán reaffirmed Hungary's firm stance against any interference into domestic affairs of Cambodia. **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** appreciated Hungary's consistent support in delivering justice to Cambodia despite the launch of procedure for temporary withdrawal of EBA by the European Commission. This is crucially important for Cambodia in maintenance of peace, sovereignty and independence.

Both leaders expressed their principled support for the elevation of ASEAN-EU relations to a strategic partnership, and for the efforts to move forward the resumption of negotiation on ASEAN-EU FTA.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister informed his Hungarian counterpart that he would lead a high-level delegation to attend the third Budapest Water Summit 2019, which will be held in the coming October.

In the framework of cooperation between the ruling Parties, the two Prime Ministers in their capacity as leaders of their respective political Parties signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cambodian People's Party of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Fidesz - Hungarian Civic Alliance of Hungary.

Preceding the plenary meeting of the two Prime Ministers, H.E. **Prak Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, met with his Hungarian counterpart H.E. Mr. **Péter Szijjártó** to exchange views on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of common interest. At the conclusion of this meeting, three cooperation documents were signed:



1. Memorandum of Understanding on Development Cooperation between the Office of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary;
2. Memorandum of Understanding on Education Exchange Programme from the Year 2020 to 2022 between the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Ministry of Human Resource of Hungary; and
3. Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Government of Hungary.

II. Samdech Techo Prime Minister's participation in the 5th CICA Summit in Dushanbe, Tajikistan : Bilateral Meetings with Presidents of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey.

At the 5th CICA Summit, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** delivered his remarks stressing that development and prosperity would never happen without peace and security. And without peace and security, we would not be able to deliver our commitment to the UN Global Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Furthermore he added that Cambodia was keen to explore more trade and investment opportunities with all CICA members States. We should work closer with the Belt and Road Initiative, which certainly could offer great opportunities for CICA members to accelerate regional connectivity and improve international transport and logistic system.

Leaders at the 5th CICA Summit issued a Declaration, which inter alia, fully supported the principle of non-interference in the internal or external affairs of States. We confirm that no state or group of states has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatsoever, in the internal or external affairs of any other state, including with the aim of changing legitimate governments and that every state has the right to determine its political system.

On the sidelines of the Summit, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** held separate bilateral talks with **H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon**, the President of Tajikistan, **H.E. Mr. Sooronbay Jeenbekov**, President of Kyrgyzstan and **H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**, President of Turkey. All discussions were centered around solidifying political trust and enhancing across-the-board cooperation ranging from trade and investment to cultural and tourism promotion.

Phnom Penh, 14 June 2019.

