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KOREAN PENINSULA: CAMBODIAN PM CALLS FOR SWIFT CONCLUSION OF PEACE TREATY



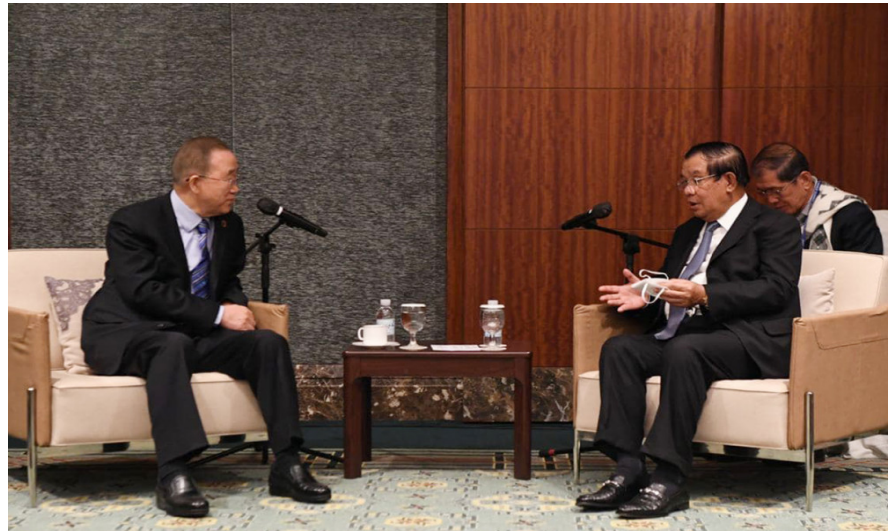
Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, has urged for an urgent conclusion of a Peace Treaty for a permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula. "I personally urge the two Koreas and other parties concerned to swiftly conclude a Peace Treaty so that permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula can be guaranteed," said Samdech Techo Hun Sen in his opening remarks at the World Summit 2022 held under the theme "Toward Peace on the Korean Peninsula" in Seoul, the Republic of Korea on 11 February 2022.

"This year marks the 72nd anniversary of the Korea War started on 25 June 1950. The war ended with an armistice agreement, not a permanent peace treaty, on 27 July 1953. Although peace efforts have been forged over the decades, unfortunately, a peace treaty has not yet been reached. Therefore, it is high time to conclude a peace treaty on the Korean Peninsula. We urgently need an end-of-war declaration for the Korean Peninsula," he underlined.

The Cambodian Prime Minister also called upon all stakeholders to continuously foster trust-based cooperation and people-centred partnership building towards a peaceful reunification of the two Koreas.

The World Summit 2022 has brought together distinguished leaders and experts from different sectors from more than 100 countries to share

CAMBODIAN PM RECEIVES PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL GREEN GROWTH INSTITUTE



Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen met with H.E. Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and current President of Global Green Growth Institute, on the sidelines of the World Summit 2022 under the theme "Toward Peace on the Korean Peninsula" in Seoul, the Republic of Korea on 11 February 2022.

The meeting focused mainly on the key role of the Universal Peace Foundation (UPF) and the ongoing Myanmar issue, according to H.E. Kao Kim Hourn, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister.

Both sides expressed their delight to meet each other once again and to co-chair the World Summit 2022 and spoke highly of the crucial role of UPF.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen said with the capacity of gathering world leaders, both

current and former, UPF should tighten key mechanisms with focus on peacebuilding on the Korean Peninsula. "We shall continue to work together to strengthen the UPF so that the foundation plays a more significant role in peacebuilding on the Korean Peninsula," he underlined.

On the Myanmar issue, H.E. Ban Ki-moon voiced his support for the role played by ASEAN, especially the unity and solidarity of ASEAN, for Cambodia's chairmanship of ASEAN this year, and for the Cambodian Prime Minister's recent visit to Myanmar.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen welcomed H.E. Ban Ki-moon's intention to work with H.E. Prak Sokhonn, the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, and shared the same idea that ASEAN and UN can cooperate to help Myanmar.

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their thoughts, wisdom, and vision on peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and the Asia Pacific region. "We also have a one-million-person rally for a peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula," he said.

According to Samdech Techo Hun Sen, the Summit will deliver two key outcome documents, namely, the Seoul Resolution 2022 on "Toward Sustainable Peace and Prosperity on the Korean Peninsula" and the initiative on "Two States Toward One Nation: One Peninsula, One People, One Culture".

PM REITERATES COMMITMENT FOR PEACE IN MYANMAR DURING CAMBODIA'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF ASEAN



Myanmar's crisis is very complicated as it has happened for around 70 years ago, therefore it would not be settled just with only a day-long visit, said the Prime Minister at the inauguration ceremony for the official use of National Road No. 7 Rehabilitation Project from Klastus in Kratie provincial city to Romeat district, Kratie province.

"I don't have any benefit from my commitment to solve Myanmar's crisis, but what I want is peace, not war [...]. I want to see the ceasefire happen in Myanmar, [...]" he underlined.

"I will not drop my commitment for the peace in Myanmar based on the Five-Point Consensus in Jakarta. I want political prisoners to be released, ceasefire, assistance, and dialogue there," he added.

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on 07 February 2022 reaffirmed his commitment for peace in Myanmar during his mandate as the Chair of ASEAN.

2022: OPERATION YEAR FOR SEA GAMES-ASEAN PARA GAMES 2023

2022 is an operation year for the SEA Games-ASEAN Para Games 2023 to be hosted by Cambodia.

The remarks were made by Samdech Pichey Sena Tea Banh, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of National Defence and President of the Cambodia SEA Games Organising Committee (CAMSOC) in the opening ceremony of the committee's annual meeting on 09 February 2022.

H.E. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism and Permanent Deputy President of CAMSOC, H.E. Vath Chamroeun, Secretary General of CAMSOC as well as other members of CAMSOC management and staff joined the event.

Samdech Tea Banh called on all concerned stakeholders to execute highest responsibility for their respective role to bring the best for the upcoming games.



The Deputy Prime Minister spoke highly of the progress made so far toward the SEA Games organisation and encouraged effective follow-up solutions for identified challenges.

He also reminded all continuous hard training among all trainees by optimising the sharing of their accumulated and new experiences.

OUTCOMES OF MEETING BETWEEN FMS OF CAMBODIA AND BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

The following is the outcome of the meeting between H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and H.E. Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam,

released on 09 February 2022 by the Ministry of foreign Affairs and International Cooperation:

On 9 February 2022, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, had a video call with His Excellency

CAMBODIA, ISU-APMBC MINE CLEARANCE COOPERATION REAFFIRMED

Cambodia and the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (ISU-APMBC) have reaffirmed the cooperation in mine clearance.

The commitment was renewed during a meeting on 7 February 2022 between H.E. Ly Thuch, Cambodian Senior Minister and First Vice President of Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) and Mr. Juan Carlos Ruan, ISU Director, at the CMAA office in Phnom Penh.

The two sides looked forward to bringing the mine clearance in Cambodia to a new level which will eventually bring about mine-free status for the country.

So far Cambodia's mine clearance operation has cleared 2,328 square kilometres of land of landmines and explosive remnant of war (ERW).

About 1,118,810 anti-personnel mines, 25,952 anti-tank mines, and 2,983,416 cluster bombs have been found and destroyed through the humanitarian activity.

IMPROVING SMALL PACKAGE E-TRADE FOR SMES PROJECT LAUNCHED

The Improving Small Package e-Trade for SMEs (SeT4SME) project was launched at the Ministry of Commerce on 08 February 2022 to boost cross-border e-trade for Cambodian small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

H.E. Pan Sorasak, Minister of Commerce, presided over the launching ceremony, co-organised by the ministry and Swisscontact Cambodia representing the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation.

Addressing the function, H.E. Pan Sorasak expressed his support for the SeT4SME under the implementation cooperation from the public sector, development partners, and the private sector.

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OUTCOMES OF MEETING...



Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam. H.E. Dato Erywan congratulated Cambodia's assumption of ASEAN Chairmanship under the theme «ASEAN A.C.T: Addressing Challenges Together» and affirmed Brunei's full support for the success of Cambodia in this role. The two Foreign Ministers had a cordial exchange of views on bilateral relations and on ASEAN matters.

On enhancing Cambodia-Brunei ties, as the two countries marks the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn expressed high appreciation that His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei has desire to make a state visit to Cambodia before the upcoming ASEAN Summits and related summits in November. He accepted with pleasure the invitation extended by His Excellency Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof to pay an early official visit to Brunei Darussalam at a mutually convenient date and agreed with his counterpart on signing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on Bilateral Consultations.

The two Foreign Ministers discussed extensively on the situation in Myanmar and ASEAN effort to support de-escalation of the crisis and attainment of a peaceful solution based on the Five-point Consensus agreed at ASEAN Leaders' Meeting on 24 April 2021. His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn briefed his Bruneian counterpart on his plan to make the first visit to Myanmar as the Special Envoy

and to engage with all parties concerned in finding ways and means to ensure safe and timely delivery of humanitarian relief to all the people in Myanmar who are in urgent need of help. His Excellency Dato Erywan expressed commitment to give utmost support to His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn in performing his role as the ASEAN Chair's Special Envoy on Myanmar.

Both the Ministers had similar views on the complexity of the situation in Myanmar which needs to be addressed through a step-by-step approach. The two Ministers concurred that ASEAN should continue to persevere in engendering an inclusive process of dialogue, which should be Myanmar-led and Myanmar-owned, to end violence, prevent worsening humanitarian conditions and achieve durable peace. They shared commitment to work together, along with other ASEAN colleagues, to expedite progress on the implementation of Five-point Consensus and to further strengthen the centrality and unity of ASEAN.

Both Foreign Ministers looked forward to discussing ASEAN Community building process and external partnerships at the upcoming ASEAN Foreign Ministers' (AMM) Retreat on 16-17 February 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, which will be the first major meeting among the 10 Member States during Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022.

IMPROVING SMALL PACKAGE E-TRADE...

H.E. Minister underlined that the project will significantly contribute to the efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia in promoting trade facilitation through digitalisation, especially for cross-border e-commerce.

The SeT4SME project aims to digitalise customs clearing processes for small packages sent through the post and address the 'Missing Digital Link' to deliver e-commerce boost for small businesses in Cambodia.

Through the project, small businesses will speed shipments and open export markets through two workstreams: Institutional Capacity Support for Electronic Advanced Data (EAD) Implementation, and e-Trade Portal Development and Promotion.

CAMBODIA'S LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR CARBON NEUTRALITY TO BE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Cambodia's Long-Term Strategy for Carbon Neutrality (LTS4CN) was officially launched at the Ministry of Environment on 11 February 2022, along with a press conference and a panel discussion.

H.E. Say Samal, Chair of the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD) and Minister of Environment presided over the launching ceremony.

According to the ministry, the LTS4CN report was approved and submitted to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 30 December 2021. This submission was in line with the commitment made by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister, during the 2020 United Nations Climate Ambition Summit, to submit a long-term strategy by the end of 2021.

The strategy is a highly significant step for Cambodia, a strong supporter of multilateral action on climate change, to reach the carbon neutrality by 2050 following the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities" under the UNFCCC.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE COMMITTED TO INSCRIBE TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE CULTURAL PROPERTIES ON WORLD HERITAGE LIST



The Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts has been preparing documents to request for the inscription of “Koh Ker Temple”, “Num Banchok” (Khmer traditional rice noodle s), “Kun Bokator Martial Art” and “Battambang City” on the UNESCO’s World Heritage List.

The remarks were made on 09 February 2022 by H.E. Phoeurng Sackona, Minister of Culture and Fine Arts, at the ministry’s annual meeting to review its work achievements in 2021 and set forth objectives for 2022.

The ministry is committed to work on the inclusion of tangible and intangible cultural properties on the World Heritage List, she said, adding that the ministry is also listing down other cultural properties in Cambodia for the inscription.

Other tangible and intangible cultural properties are the Site of Angkor Borei and Phnom Da, the Archeological Complex of Banteay Chhmar, Boeung Malea Temple, Ancient City of Oudong, Phnom Kulen: Archeological Site/Ancient Site of Mahendraparvata, Former M-13 prison/ Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (former S-21)/ Choeung Ek Genocidal Centre (former Execution Site of S-21); the ancient complex of Preah Khan Kampong Svay, and Water Festival.

16 NESTS OF LESSER ADJUTANT SPOTTED IN KEO SEIMA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Sixteen (16) nests of Lesser Adjutant have been spotted at Keo Seima wildlife sanctuary in Mondulkiri province.

The update was shared by the Ministry of Environment, adding that the 16 lesser adjutant nests discovered between 2021 and 2022 have now hatched 19 babies.

The lesser adjutant is an endangered bird listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list of threatened species.

The bird currently inhabits in many protected areas including the Keo Seima wildlife sanctuary, and its spawning season is from mid-September to mid-February.

Supported by CAMPAS and REDD+ Keo Seima projects, the discovery is made in collaboration among the local communities, Mondulkiri Provincial Department of Environment and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS Cambodia), added the source.

The lesser adjutant (*Leptoptilos javanicus*) is a large wading bird in the stork family Ciconiidae, and it is a widespread species found from India through Southeast Asia to Java.

Like other members of its genus, it has a bare neck and head and more closely associated with wetland habitats where it is solitary and is less likely to scavenge than the related greater adjutant.

