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## **Samdech Prime Minister Visits Philippines**

At the invitation of His Excellency Mr. JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, Samdech HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a delegation to pay a state visit to the Republic of the Philippines from 16 -18 August 2000.

The delegation included His Excellency Mr. HOR NAMHONG, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Excellency Mr. SOK AN, Senior Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, His Excellency Mr. HONG SUN HUOT, Senior Minister, Minister of Health, His Excellency Mr. CHAM PRASIDH, Minister of Trade, and other members and senior officials of the Royal Government of Cambodia.

During the visit, Samdech Prime Minister HUN SEN held an official meeting with His Excellency President JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA on bilateral and regional issues of common interests. Samdech Prime Minister HUN SEN also had meetings with Honourable Madam GLORIA MACAPAGAL - ARROYO, Vice President, Honourable FRANKLIM M. DRILON, President of the Senate, and Honourable MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Two Agreements and three MOUs aimed at boosting bilateral cooperation were signed, namely: Agreement on the Establishment of a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation, Agreement concerning the Promotion and Protection of Investments, MOU on Tourism Cooperation, MOU on Rural Health Development Cooperation, and MOU on Visa Exception for Holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports.

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## **Toast of Samdech Prime Minister in Philippines**

Following is the toast made by Samdech HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, at the dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr. JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines and Madam:

*Your Excellency, President Joseph Estrada and Madam,*

*Excellencies,*

*Distinguished guests,*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

First of all I would like to express my deep thank to Your Excellency President and Madam for according me, my wife and all members of the Cambodian delegation the great honor by kindly hosting this wonderful dinner. I am very excited by your kind words and your warmest welcome.

May I share with you my pleasure and my great satisfaction over the fruitful result of the talks held this afternoon between Your Excellency and myself, on many matters of common interests for our two countries. Our exchange of views in a frank and cordial atmosphere has reflected our consent on bilateral issues as well as on international and regional matters.

In the spirit of further strengthening the close cooperation between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Republic of the Philippines, our two delegations have signed five Agreements and MOUs covering the main fields of cooperation, which will bring the common interests to our people and our two countries. We consider all these Agreements and Memorandums a solid foundation for the future cooperation between our two countries.

The Kingdom of Cambodia and the Republic of the Philippines used to enjoy very close bonds of friendship and friendly cooperation a long time ago, but were only momentarily interrupted during the great change with tragedy taken place in Cambodia due to more than two decades of civil war, especially under the Khmer Rouge regime that had completely destroyed all domains. During that period, not only we didn't make any progress, but were thrown backwards.

But, since the formation of the Royal Government in November 1998, after the democratic election in July 1998, peace throughout the country with a complete collapse of the Khmer Rouge guerilla and full restoration of political stability have prevailed. Even though my Royal Government that I call the "Economic Government" has achieved continual success of economic development in implementing its political platform, there are many challenges ahead to be tackled. Build upon over a year result and the right implementation of political guideline, we are very optimistic about the socio-economic development from now on.

*Your Excellency President,*

*Excellencies,*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

May I express my high appreciation and my deep thank for the support and the active contribution of the Government of the Philippines for the cause of peace, national reconciliation as well as the foregoing support of the Philippines for Cambodia's admission into ASEAN.

In my second visit to the Republic of the Philippines, I have seen by my own eyes the enormous progress of the Republic of the Philippines towards a society developing in all fields. Being one of the Filipino people's friends, Cambodia is very happy with this great success.

Now, as ASEAN's member, we, Cambodia, will actively contribute on an equal footing and equal rights in all ASEAN forums to achieve the 2020's vision and Hanoi's Plan of Action, so essential for ASEAN's advance in the new millennium, to make an ASEAN step forwards with unity on all important world issues in order to cope with the problem of globalization of our era.

I believe that the unity and the solid internal solidarity in ASEAN will lead to the further progress of our South East Asian Nations and achieve their important goals for the common interest of our South East Asian people. The relations of friendship and cooperation between our people and our two countries will also be further strengthened from day to day.

In this spirit, may I invite you all to join me in a toast:

- to the good health for His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk, King of Cambodia and Her Majesty Norodom Monineath Sihanouk, Queen of Cambodia,
- to the good health of H.E. Mr. Joseph Estrada, President of the Republic of the Philippines and Madam,
- to the prosperity of the Filipino people,
- to the good health of Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen here present,
- to the ever lasting bonds of friendship and close cooperation between the Philippines and Cambodia.

*Thank You.*



## **Samdech Prime Minister Visits Brunei**

At the invitation of His Majesty Sultan HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH, King of Brunei Darussalam, Samdech HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a delegation to pay an official visit to Brunei Darussalam from 19 - 21 August 2000.

Accompanied Samdech Prime Minister on the trip were His Excellency Mr. HOR NAMHONG, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His

Excellency Mr. SOK AN, Senior Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, His Excellency Mr. HONG SUN HUOT, Senior Minister, Minister of Health, His Excellency Mr. CHAM PRASIDH, Minister of Trade, and other members and senior officials of the Royal Government of Cambodia.

During the visit, Samdech Prime Minister HUN SEN held restricted meeting with His Majesty Sultan HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH, King of Brunei Darussalam, on bilateral and regional issues of common interests.

The Trade Agreement and the Agreement on Air Services between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di - Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam were signed.

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### **Speech of Samdech Prime Minister in Brunei**

Following is the speech of Samdech HUN Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, at the dinner hosted by His Majesty Sultan HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH and Her Majesty the Queen:

*Your Majesty Sultan HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH and Your Majesty the Queen,  
Your Royal Highnesses,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Allow me first of all to thank Your Majesty Sultan HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH and Your Majesty the Queen for the great honor you bestow upon me, my wife and members of my delegation by hosting this sumptuous dinner. I am very excited by Your Majesty's and your Government's kind words and warmest welcome.

May I share with Your Majesty my Great pleasure and satisfaction over the exchange of views with mutual understanding held this afternoon between Your Majesty and myself, that has reflected our consent on many points of views which the two sides have paid attention to.

In the spirit of strengthening friendship and cooperation, our two Trade Ministers have signed a Trade Agreement between Cambodia and Brunei Darussalam. The signing of this

Agreement is an evidence demonstrating a new step towards strengthening and developing further the close and wide cooperation between our two countries. I believe that, based on this Agreement, the exchange of economy and trade as well as other fields between the Kingdom of Cambodia and Brunei Darussalam will be active than the previous years.

*Your Majesty Sultan,  
Your Royal Highnesses,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

This first visit to Brunei Darussalam gives me the opportunity to note that Bruneian people have enjoyed the high standard of living and comfortable life. This lies in the fact that the Bruneian people are lucky to live under Your Majesty's clear-sighted leadership and Government. Furthermore I also note of the multi-faced development in Brunei which has reflected Your Majesty's righteous leadership.

Cambodia has a good fortune as well, having His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk and Her Majesty the Queen, who always play an important role in the cause of peace, unity and national reconciliation. The Kingdom of Cambodia is also a country in which the people used to enjoy peaceful life and noble civilization. But the tragedy taken place in Cambodia in the 70's and 80's, due to more than two decades of civil war, especially the Khmer Rouge regime, that destroyed every thing, Cambodia not only didn't make any progress, but was thrown backwards while its neighboring countries enjoyed peace and development in all fields.

However, after the domestic election in August 1998 with the formation of the Royal Government in November, 1998 peace has prevailed throughout the country, resulting in a complete collapse of the Khmer Rouge guerrilla and the full restoration of political stability. Due to peace, stability and by seriously implementing its political platform, the Royal Government that I called "Economic Government" has obtained successive achievement in socio-economic development. Actually, there are many challenging issues ahead to be tackled. Build upon the result of more than one year with the political guideline and with the support of the Cambodia people, we are very optimistic about the socio-economic development from now on.

May I take this great opportunity to express my high appreciation to the active contribution of the Royal Government of Brunei Darussalam in the cause of peace national reconciliation as well as the foregoing support of Your Majesty for Cambodia's admission into ASEAN.

Cambodia will actively contribute on an equal footing and equal rights in all ASEAN's forum to achieve the 2020's vision of ASEAN and the Hanoi's Plan of Action, especially to make its best to bring forwards the economic integration of ASEAN as predicted.

To cope with the pace of globalization in our era, ASEAN must step forwards in an equal footing. To achieve this goal, we all members of ASEAN try our best to eliminate or minimize the gap existing between the new and the old members of ASEAN. For Cambodia, we have already has determined to do our best to contribute with other parties to achieve this important goal which is an inevitable cause to move ASEAN forwards in this new millennium which is full of uncertainties.

I believe that in this new millennium all our South East Asian Nations will further progress because of the unity and solid solidarity between ASEAN members and the support from its dialogue partners. The relations of friendship and cooperation between our two peoples and our two countries will also be further strengthened from day to day.

May I, on this happy occasion, extend to Your Majesties and all the Royal family all my best wishes of good health and happiness, and prosperity to the entire people of Brunei.

*Thank you.*

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## **Vietnamese Deputy Premier Visits Cambodia**

At the invitation of His Excellency Mr. SAR Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, His Excellency Mr. NGUYEN Tan Dung, Permanent Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, led a delegation to pay an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 27 - 30 August 2000.

During the visit, the bilateral talks focusing on strengthening the cooperation between the two neighbouring countries were held between the Cambodian delegation led by His Excellency Mr. SAR Kheng and the Vietnamese delegation headed by His Excellency Mr. NGUYEN Tan Dung. His Excellency Mr. NGUYEN Tan Dung also paid courtesy calls on Samdech CHEA Sim, Acting Head of State, and Samdech HUN Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Three agreements between the Governments of both countries, namely: the Agreement on Scientific and Technical Cooperation in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Agreement on the



Accounting, Exhumation and Repatriation of Remains of Vietnamese Volunteer Soldiers Killed in Action during the Wartime in Cambodia, and the Memorandum of Understanding on Health Development Cooperation were then signed

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## **Senior Minister Signs MOU with Canadian Ambassador**

On 14 August 2000, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, a signing ceremony on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Royal Government of Cambodia concerning Cambodia - Canada Health and Nutrition Initiatives Project was held between His Excellency Mr. HOR Namhong, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and His Excellency Mr. Normand MAILHOT, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The goal of the Project is to improve health and nutrition standards in selected areas in Cambodia over a five year period. The project will provide, in its first year, a contribution of up to 4 million Canadian Dollars to be used to purchase food commodities in Canada, which in turn be monetized on the Cambodia domestic market. The monetization proceeds will be credited to a Health and Nutrition Counterpart Fund.

The objectives of the Fund are to address key health and nutrition issues by : decreasing malnutrition and eliminating micronutrient deficiencies; helping control important and emerging pandemics with particular attention to tuberculosis; improving children's health; and improving women's health and reproductive health.

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## **Senior Minister Meets with EU Troika Ambassadors**

On 3 August 2000, His Excellency Mr. HOR Namhong, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, had a meeting with the EU Troika Ambassadors to Cambodia: His Excellency Mr. Yves BERTIN, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of the Republic of France, His Excellency Mr. George EDGAR, Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and His Excellency Dr. Harald LOESCHNER, Ambassador of

the Federal Republic of Germany.

Senior Minister HOR Namhong briefed the Envoys on the results of the 33rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), ASEAN + 3 (China, Japan, the Republic of Korea), 7th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), and Post Ministerial Conferences (PMC 10 + 10 and PMC 10 + 1) recently held in Bangkok from 24 - 29 July 2000. As far as the official Meeting between Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia and the DPR Korea is concerned, Senior Minister HOR Namhong told the Envoys that the two sides had an exchange of information on the current situation in each country as well as an exchange of views on the promotion of bilateral cooperation.



*Senior Minister HOR Namhong (right) and French Charge d'Affaires a.i. Yves BERTIN .*

After the meeting with Senior Minister HOR Namhong, the EU Troika Ambassadors called on His Excellency Mr. UCH Kiman, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, during which the French Chargé d'Affaires a.i., on behalf of the EU Troika, handed over to Secretary of State UCH Kiman an appeal requesting the Royal Government of Cambodia to support the UN Resolution on disarmament and to take part in the Register of Conventional Arms.

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## Senior Minister Receives Chinese Ambassador



*Senior Minister HOR Namhong (right) and Chinese Ambassador NING Fu Kui .*

On 28 August 2000, His Excellency Mr. HOR Namhong, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, reaffirmed the Royal Government of Cambodia's stance to uphold One China Policy, during a courtesy call paid by His Excellency Mr. NING Fu Kui, newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

After expressing their satisfaction with the actual status of the traditional and good relationship between the two countries and peoples, the Senior Minister and the Ambassador had an exchange of views centering on further strengthening and promoting the bilateral cooperation in all fields.

Ambassador NING Fu Kui conveyed to Senior Minister HOR Namhong greetings from Foreign Affairs Minister TANG Jiaxuan.

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