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Joint Press Announcement

The Signing on Cambodia-Germany Technical Cooperation Agreement 2019

Phnom Penh – Tuesday, 9 June 2020, His Excellency **Chin Bun Sean**, Senior Minister in Charge of Special Missions and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Development of Cambodia, representing the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency **Christian Berger**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Cambodia, representing the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, signed the Agreement on Technical Cooperation 2019.

The signed Agreement on Technical Cooperation provided a total amount of 13.5 million EUR, equivalent to 14.6 million USD, in grant aid by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to support four development projects in Cambodia including 1) Identification of Poor Households, 2) Social Health Protection, 3) Regional Economic Development, and 4) Study and Expert Fund. These projects will be implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ Cambodia) in close collaboration with the Royal Government's ministries/agencies and sub-national administrations.

The signed agreement reflected the commitments agreed upon during the last Inter-Governmental Negotiations took place on 14-15 May 2019 in Berlin, Germany, which provided the legal basis for the implementation of projects in the three priority sectors such as public health and social protection, rural development, and governance under Cambodia-Germany development cooperation. The support from Germany is well-aligned with Cambodia's national priorities as articulated in the Rectangular Strategy – Phase IV, the National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023, the Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals 2016-2030, and sector policies/strategies. This continued bilateral development cooperation will become an important pillar to not only strengthen the diplomatic relations between the two countries but also contribute to achieving sustainable, inclusive, and equitable socio-economic development of Cambodia.

Additionally, in March 2020, the German Government provided 1.5 million EUR to support the COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan of the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

It is noticeably that in the last Inter-Governmental Negotiations 2019, a total amount of 48.6 million EUR was committed by the German Government and the amount of 35.1 million EUR was signed at the end of 2019 between the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the German Embassy. Since the beginning of bilateral cooperation (1994-2020), Germany has provided both technical and financial support of approximately 670 million USD to Cambodia.