



Press Release
on the Cooperation between
the General Secretariat of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia
and the Asian Vision Institute



On 13th October 2021, the General Secretariat of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Asian Vision Institute (AVI) held a signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the National Assembly. The ceremony was presided over by **Lok Chumteav Kitti Sanghak Bandit Khuon Sudary**, Second Vice President of the National Assembly, and were attended by **H.E. Leng Peng Long**, Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the National Assembly, **H.E. Dr Sok Siphana**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of AVI, **H.E. Sous Yara**, Director-General of the Asian Cultural Council, **Dr Chheang Vannarith**, President of AVI, **Dr Keo Piseth**, Vice President of AVI, **Dr Chheng Kimlong**, Vice President AVI, and other distinguished guests from both institutions.

The signing of the MoU aims to establish and enhance cooperation between the two institutions in education, research, joint organisation of events, media and public relations, and consultation on national and international affairs.

As Cambodia is the host of the 11th ASEP Summit in November 2021 and the AIPA in 2022, and holds the Chairmanship of ASEAN next year, the signing of this MoU is timely and a significant opportunity for both institutions to work together in supporting Cambodia's roles and ensuring that they will lead to fruitful outcomes and progress for Cambodia, the region and the world.

Lok Chumteav Kitti Sanghak Bandit Khuon Sudary optimistically stated, "The cooperation between the National Assembly and the Asian Vision Institute will provide many benefits to our country and our people." She added, "The signing of the MoU today is a testament of the National Assembly's trust and confidence in the important roles of the Asian Vision Institute in contributing to the achievement of the main missions of the National Assembly." She also recalled the contributions by AVI's team who has been actively involved in assisting the National Assembly on the international stage, such as the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), the 11th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP11),

the Conference of the Foreign Affairs Commission/Committees of the Parliaments of Cambodia, Laos, and Viet Nam (CLV-DTA), and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).

As for **H.E. Leng Peng Long**, he considered the Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions an important cooperation that can help improve the quality of work at the National Assembly to be more efficient and effective for both its domestic and international activities. He also added that, through the cooperation, the Asian Vision Institute would help the National Assembly enhance its parliamentary diplomacy in this era of Industrial Revolution 4.0.

AVI Chairman, H.E. Dr Sok Siphana, said, "Although AVI is young, it has rapidly established its reputation both at home and abroad". He expressed his heartfelt thanks to the leadership of the National Assembly for their trust and confidence in AVI. He also commended the AVI colleagues for their hard work, integrity, and nation-serving spirit.

In concluding the event, both parties expressed their commitment to cooperating closely in implementing the aims and scope of work agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding.

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