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The 23rd ASEAN Lecture on
the Kingdom of Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2022
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On 3 January 2022, at the invitation of ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, H.E. PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, gave "the 23rd ASEAN Lecture: ASEAN Chairmanship 2022" via videoconference. H.E. Deputy Prime Minister commended ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute for its tradition in hosting the series of lectures to raise public awareness on ASEAN and efforts toward building a people-centred and people-oriented ASEAN Community.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister elaborated on four clusters of strategic challenges - recovery from COVID-19 impact, geopolitical rivalries, existing traditional and non-traditional security issues and ASEAN internal and institutional constraints, that gave rise to Cambodia's choice to steer ASEAN process in 2022 under the theme "ASEAN A.C.T.: Addressing Challenges Together". He emphasised the importance of ASEAN's spirit as a united family of Ten in overcoming the common challenges and a strong sense of "Togetherness" to effectively uphold peace, stability and further promote sustainable development within and beyond the region. H.E. Deputy Prime Minister highlighted Cambodia's key priorities, deliverables, and prospects across the three ASEAN Communities-Political-Security, Economic and Socio-Cultural Communities, in responding to the challenges facing the region. (full address herewith attached)



H.E. Deputy Prime Minister also received questions from the floor on regional and international issues pertaining to the interest and concern of ASEAN during Cambodia Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2022. Q.



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