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"Outcomes of the Second Political Consultations

Between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore"

5th June 2025, Singapore

On the morning of the 5th June 2025, His Excellency THAI Chun, Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, co-chaired the 2nd Political Consultations (PC) between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia and Singapore, with Her Excellency Foo Chi Hsia, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore. The meeting concluded with fruitful outcomes, reinforcing the commitment of Cambodia and Singapore to deepening bilateral relations, as both countries commemorate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The two co-chairs exchanged views on a broad range of cooperation areas including political-security, defense, trade and investment, tourism, human resource development, finance and digital government, food security, and energy. They recalled the visionary leadership of the Late King-Father of Cambodia, His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah NORODOM SIHANOUK and the late Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who laid the foundation for friendly ties between Cambodia and Singapore, and committed to ensuring success of the upcoming official visit of His Excellency Lawrence Wong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

On defense and security cooperation, both sides underscored the importance of effective and timely coordination between the law enforcement agencies of the two countries in addressing transnational crimes. They emphasized the relevance of closer collaboration through enhanced information sharing, joint operations, and capacity-building in contributing to greater regional security, stability, and public safety.

The two co-chairs committed to encourage exchange of information and regular dialogue to explore opportunities to increase two-way trade and investment between Cambodia and Singapore, particularly in agriculture and food production. Both sides also

commended the progress of the Financial Transparency Corridor (FTC) and the Memorandum of Understanding on Digital Government Cooperation, which was officially launched and signed during the official visit of Samdech Thipadei to Singapore last year.

Recognizing the potential of the tourism sector and the value of people-to-people exchanges, the co-chairs encouraged the tourism authorities of both countries to work closely together toward the establishment of a joint technical working group on tourism. This working group would explore the development of joint tourism packages and promotional programs, as well as the expansion of flight routes connecting key tourist destinations in Cambodia and Singapore.

The two co-chairs committed to expedite the realization of the energy connectivity objectives agreed upon during the 1st Cambodia-Laos-Singapore Energy Ministers' Meeting on electricity power trade held in May 2024 in Singapore.

On human resource development, both sides also underscored the critical importance of further cooperation and inclusion of relevant subjects such as aviation safety. In this regard, His Excellency THAI Chun expressed deep gratitude to the Government of Singapore for its training support under the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI).

On international and regional cooperation including under the United Nations and ASEAN, both sides reaffirmed commitment to maintaining the existing strong cooperation between the two countries in further strengthening multilateralism.

Both sides agreed that the 3rd Political Consultation between the two Foreign Ministries shall take place in Cambodia in 2027.

His Excellency THAI Chun expressed his deep appreciation to the Singaporean host for the warm welcome and cordial hospitality extended to the Cambodian delegation during their stay in Singapore, as well as for the excellent arrangements made for the 2nd Political Consultations between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

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