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**Outcomes of the 10th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting
And the bilateral meetings between His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister
PRAK Sokhonn and Foreign Ministers of the Mekong-Lancang Countries
Anning City, Yunnan Province, China, 14-15 August 2025**

H.E. Mr. **PRAK Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, attended the 10th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC) Foreign Ministers' Meeting, co-chaired by H.E. Mr. **Wang Yi**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and H.E. Mr. **Maris Sangiampongsa**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, in Anning City, Yunnan Province, China, from 14-15 August 2025, under the theme "**Golden Decade: Staying Committed to Building a Better Community Through Solidarity**".

The Foreign Ministers highly commended the achievements of Lancang-Mekong cooperation in the past 10 years and appreciated China's adherence to good-neighborliness and friendship, which has played an important role in promoting cooperation in the sub-region. They affirmed that the Lancang-Mekong cooperation has yielded productive results by fostering economic growth and social advancement for the six Mekong countries, promoting regional economic integration, benefiting the peoples of all countries in the basin, and making significant contributions to regional peace, stability and sustainable development. The Foreign Ministers are committed, to carry out forward the spirit of partnership, consolidated the foundation, and built a three-dimensional pattern of "leadership led, all-round coverage, and participation of all departments"; aiming to build trust, goodwill, and tangible benefits for their peoples. Through solidarity, the Foreign Ministers agreed to maintain close communication to prepare for the upcoming 5th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Leaders' Meeting to make plans for the next "golden decade".

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister underlined that the meeting, the tenth of its kind, not only reaffirmed the solidarity and partnership of the six countries of the sub-region but also advanced our shared vision of a community marked by peace, stability and sustainable



development. He also noted with satisfaction the remarkable development of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation over the past ten years, which has yielded great benefits for the riparian countries. He commended the substantive outcomes resulting from the implementation of projects under the MLC Special Fund since 2017 that have addressed the practical needs of our people. Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn extended Cambodia's deep gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China for providing the Fund, which has greatly contributed to economic development in the region.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister shared several perspectives on the future direction of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation including (1) further strengthening agricultural cooperation, particularly with the support of advanced technology and innovation (2) intensify capacity-building for MSMEs, and promote women's networking and entrepreneurship, (3) making collaborative efforts to combat transboundary crimes among MLC countries, (4) committed to enhance cooperation on water resource management to expand clean water access and strengthening climate resilience, (5) building interconnected and competitive economy by intensifying to boost trade, investments, tourism and green development and (6) welcomes the initiative proposed by China on "Overseas citizen safety protection initiative".

During the meeting, **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister** also participated in the photo exhibition, displaying the progress of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation in the last 10 years since 2015.

On the sideline of the 10th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting, **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister** had bilateral meetings with Foreign Ministers of the Mekong-Lancang countries to strengthen bilateral cooperation as follows:

- **With His Excellency WANG Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China:** Both Foreign Ministers praised the elevation of the two countries relations to an All-Weather Cambodia-China Community with a Shared Future in the new era which was reached during the historical and successful State visit of President Xi Jinping in Cambodia, last April. They reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening and deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation and their Ironclad Friendship, promoting the Diamond Cooperation and actively implementing projects under the Rice and Fish Corridor and the Industrial and Innovation Corridor, for the mutual interests of the two nations. Both sides are looking forward and preparing for the coming State Visit of **His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI** and **Her Majesty Queen Mother NORODOM MONINEATH SIHANOUK**, to attend the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War to be held on 3 September in Beijing and the participation of **Samdech Thipadei Prime minister Hun Manet** at the SCO



Plus Summit, early next month. Both sides reaffirmed their strong commitment to advance cooperation on a wide range of fields, including the Funan Techo Water Management Project, combatting transnational crimes, in particular cyber related crimes, humanitarian demining. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues of common interests and concerns.

The two Foreign Ministers reinsured the solid trust and confidence as well as the strong mutual support that characterize the relationship between the two countries and peoples.

- With His Excellency U than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar: DPM Prak Sokhonn recalled that this year marks the 70th anniversary of our Diplomatic Relations and noted that despite many developments in respective countries, we have maintained good communications and cooperation, particularly on trade, religion, culture, and tourism. He also informed his counterpart that Cambodia is welcoming the visit of H.E. U Khin Yi, Chair of the USDP party later this month. Both Foreign Ministers reiterated their commitment to promote bilateral ties and cooperation.
- With His Excellency Bui Thanh Son, Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Minister of Viet Nam: Both Foreign Ministers praised the strong ties and friendship as well as the multifaceted and fruitful cooperation between the two countries, that is flourishing between states, parties and people. They shared their satisfaction on the recent and fruitful phone call between **Samdech Techo Hun Sen**, President of the CPP and President of the Senate and **H.E. Mr. To Lam**, President of the SRV and Secretary General of the CPV. Foreign Minister Bui Thanh Son expressed Viet Nam's eagerness to welcome **Samdech Techo Hun Sen** at the celebration of the 80 Anniversary of Viet Nam Independence in Hanoi, early next month, and DPM Prak Sokhonn said that he is looking forward to co-chair the Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation in Siem Reap, next October. Their exchanges focused on strengthening political trust, enhancing trade and investment, promoting cooperation in tourism for the mutual benefit of both countries and peoples. **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister** also reaffirmed Cambodia's commitment to peace, stability, and good-neighborly relations.



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