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**Outcomes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission on  
Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Cooperation  
Siem Reap, 8-9 December 2025**

On 9 December 2025, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia and His Excellency LE Hoaï Trung, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, co-chaired the 21st Meeting of the Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (21<sup>st</sup> JC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

During his stay in Cambodia, on the afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> December, H.E. LE Hoaï Trung had a courtesy call on H.E. Santebindith Neth Savoeun, Deputy Prime Minister. Both sides expressed deep satisfaction with continued development of excellent bilateral relations that brought tangible benefits to the two nations. They reaffirmed their strong commitment to further deepening multifaceted cooperation in line with the spirit of "good neighborliness, traditional friendship, comprehensive cooperation, and long-term stability."

During the 21<sup>st</sup> JC Meeting, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and H.E. Minister LE Hoaï Trung briefed the Meeting on the recent developments in their respective countries and held comprehensive discussions on ways to further broaden bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the two countries. The two Ministers noted with great satisfaction the progress achieved across all sectors since the 20<sup>th</sup> JC Meeting and renewed their commitment to strengthening the long-standing partnership.

On **Political Cooperation**, the Ministers underlined the importance of the frequent exchanges and engagements between the legislative and executive bodies to further cement the bonds of friendship and solidarity between the two countries. Both sides commended the successful bilateral visits in recent years including the state visit of His



Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM Sihamoni to Viet Nam in November 2024; the visits of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, President of the Senate for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the South and National Reunification in Ho Chi Minh in April 2025 and for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the August Revolution and Independence of Viet Nam in Ha Noi in September 2025; the state visit of His Excellency To Lam, President of Viet Nam to Cambodia, in July 2024 and the official visit of Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to Viet Nam in December 2023.

On Education and Human Resources Cooperation, the two Ministers agreed to further enhance cooperation through the development of a new Memorandum of Agreement on Education Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of Cambodia and the Ministry of Education and Training of Viet Nam for the next 5-year period 2026-2030.

Recognizing that Economic Cooperation remains one of the two countries' priorities, both sides agreed to continue working closely to promote the two-way trade and investment to achieve the agreed trade target of USD 20 billion set by their Leaders.

The Ministers agreed to prioritize investment cooperation along the border areas in order to promote socio-economic development in the rural areas of Cambodia and Viet Nam. They reaffirmed their strong commitment to promote MSMEs cooperation through business development services (BDS) and sharing best practices on digital, innovative, inclusive business models, productivity enhancement and SMEs Cluster. They also agreed to jointly study "New Economic Mechanisms to more closely link the economies of Cambodia and Viet Nam", building upon and integrating the "Master Plan on Cambodia – Viet Nam Economic Connectivity to 2030".

In the field of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the two sides agreed to accelerate the early signing of the MOU on bilateral cooperation in sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and expedite the discussion on the draft Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Natural Rubber Sub-sector.

On Culture Cooperation, the two sides praised the successful organization of the Cambodian Cultural Week in Viet Nam in 2025, and committed to jointly organizing the Cultural Week of Viet Nam in Cambodia in 2026. To further deepen cooperation in this field, they encouraged effective implementation of the 2023-2027 Cooperation Plan on Culture and Arts between the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Viet Nam.





Regarding Cooperation in Transportation, both sides agreed to deploy transportation project connecting Cambodia and Viet Nam, especially the Southern Economic Corridors to enhance the movement of goods and people in the region. They also agreed to accelerate discussions on the connecting point of the Phnom Penh – Bavet – Ho Chi Minh City – Moc Bai Expressway and also agreed to jointly study the possibility of establishing Phnom Penh – Bavet – Moc Bai – Ho Chi Minh City rail link.

On Health Cooperation, the Vietnamese side agreed to continue providing Cambodian patients, in major public hospitals in Ho Chi Minh City and in the border provinces, the same healthcare and treatment applied to Vietnamese citizens, in accordance with hospital payment schemes for uninsured patients and relevant regulations of Viet Nam.

On Security Cooperation, both sides emphasized the need for strengthened coordination and cooperation in preventing and combating all forms of transnational crimes, including drug-related offenses, economic crimes, human trafficking, cyber crimes and natural resource crimes. Both sides discussed the possibility of establishing a treatment and rehabilitation center for drug users in eastern Cambodia.

On Defense Cooperation, the two sides agreed to promote cooperation and strengthen relations between the two armed forces. The Ministers stressed the importance of maintaining the Defense Policy Dialogue mechanism and agreed to effectively implement existing cooperation instruments, including the Protocol on Bilateral Defense Cooperation, the MOU on Human Resources Education and Training, and the Agreement on Border Defense Cooperation in order to contribute to maintaining peace, stability, and sustainable development in the region. They also committed to deepening defense personnel training through short- and long-term courses to meet evolving national defense needs.

The two sides further agreed to work with the Lao People's Democratic Republic to strengthen trilateral defense cooperation, including continuing the Trilateral Defense Ministers' Meeting and exploring joint defense and military activities.

On Border Affairs and Land Border Checkpoint, both Ministers commended the substantive results of the boundary demarcation and abornement and expressed their strong commitment to accelerating work on the remaining of border segments and reiterated their shared determination to build a common border of peace, friendship, development. Applauding the opening of Meun Chey (Prey Veng) – Tan Nam (Tay Ninh) International Border Checkpoint presided over by Prime Ministers of the two countries, on



8th December 2025, they agreed to further improve infrastructure linking this checkpoint to the economic zones of each country with a view to facilitate cross border travel and transportation of goods between the two countries in general and between Prey Veng of Cambodia and Tay Ninh of Viet Nam.

Both sides also discussed extensively on bilateral cooperation in other areas, including Environment, Water Resources and Hydro-meteorology, Energy, Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, Industry, Customs, Civil Aviation, Post, Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Digital Publishing, AI-Enhanced Journalism and Broadcasting Development, Finance and Banking, Labour, Social Affairs and Development, Legal and Judicial Matters and Inspection Affairs.

Both Ministers also exchanged views on regional and international developments of mutual interest. They reaffirmed their shared resolve to close coordination in global and regional issues to promote peace, security, and stability, and pledged to continue supporting each other in regional and international fora.

The meeting concluded with the signing of Agreed Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission on Economic, Cultural, Scientific, and Technological Cooperation (JC) and agreed to hold the 22<sup>nd</sup> JC Meeting in Viet Nam in 2026.

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