

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Readout on Introductory Call on His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia by His Excellency KIM Changyong, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom Cambodia

On the morning of 2 February 2026, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received an introductory call from His Excellency KIM Changyong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to the Kingdom of Cambodia, at the Ministry.

His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister warmly welcomed and congratulated His Excellency KIM Changyong on his appointment as Ambassador to Cambodia. He expressed satisfaction with the friendly bilateral relations and the steady progress of fruitful cooperation between Cambodia and the ROK across a wide range of areas of mutual interest, including trade and investment, defense and security, education, and people-to-people exchanges. His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister highlighted the significance of the Strategic Partnership between the two countries, which was elevated during the official visit to the ROK by **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet**, Prime Minister of Cambodia, in May 2024.

The Deputy Prime Minister affirmed that the Ministry will continue to extend close cooperation and coordination with Ambassador KIM, as well as the ROK Embassy in Phnom Penh, to strengthen bilateral relations and expand cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two peoples. He also expressed deep appreciation to the ROK for its continuous Official Development Assistance (ODA), which significantly contributes to the Kingdom's socio-economic development.

In response, His Excellency Ambassador KIM Changyong highly appreciated the excellent cooperation between the two countries and the outcomes achieved by the Royal Government of Cambodia in combating transnational crimes, including online scams. The Ambassador also expressed his determination to work closely with relevant institutions of Cambodia to further deepen the Strategic Partnership between the two countries during his diplomatic mission.

As the year 2027 will mark the 30th Anniversary of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between Cambodia and ROK, both sides expressed the intention to organize various commemorative activities for this milestone. They also agreed to work toward the elevation of bilateral ties to a new height. His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister also briefed the Ambassador on the current status of the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict.

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