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**Outcomes of the State Visit of His Excellency Dr. Thongloun SISOULITH,
General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and President of
the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to the Kingdom of Cambodia**

At the invitation of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia, His Excellency Dr. Thongloun SISOULITH, General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), paid a State Visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 6 to 7 February 2026.

During the State Visit, His Excellency Dr. Thongloun SISOULITH held a high-level meeting with **Samdech Akka Maha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen**, President of the Senate acting as Head of State. His Excellency Secretary General also laid wreaths at the Independence Monument and the Royal Memorial of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah NORODOM SIHANOUK "Preah Borom Ratanak Kaudh", the late King-Father.

Samdech Techo highly commended the remarkable achievements the government and people of Lao PDR attained in the course of national building, reform and development, as well as the significant accomplishments in socio-economic development and economic growth of over 4% in 2025. **Samdech Techo** warmly congratulated His Excellency Dr. **Thongloun SISOULITH** on the successful conclusion of the 12th National Congress of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and his re-election as the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party for the second term. **Samdech Techo** wished the Government and people of the Lao PDR to retain high annual growth in order to achieve the long-term goal of becoming a high-income country by 2055 in line with the vision of the 12th National Congress.

His Excellency Dr. **Thongloun SISOULITH** highly commended the remarkable achievements the Government and the people of Cambodia attained under the wise reign of His Majesty the King of Cambodia and the far-sighted leadership of **Samdech Maha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, especially in



advancing socio-economic development. **His Excellency Dr. Thongloun SISOULITH** also expressed his best wishes for Cambodia's success in realizing its long-term vision of becoming a high-income country by 2050.

The leaders of both countries expressed great satisfaction with the positive development of the close relations and comprehensive cooperation between Cambodia and Laos over the past years, which have yielding tangible benefits for the two peoples. They welcomed the sustained momentum of high-level exchanges and engagements at all levels and across all sectors, noting that these interactions have further strengthened the traditional friendship and expanded bilateral cooperation in a substantive and effective manner.

The two leaders concurred that Cambodia and Laos should jointly organize a range of meaningful activities to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries this year. They noted that the State Visit of **His Excellency Dr. Thongloun SISOULITH** to Cambodia, together with the forthcoming State Visit of **His Majesty the King** to the Lao PDR, constituted an important milestone in the celebration of this historic anniversary.

Against the backdrop of complex and rapidly evolving regional and global developments, both sides stressed the importance of further fostering the warm and close relations between the two countries, in line with the spirit of traditional friendship, solidarity, good-neighbourliness, and long-standing brotherly ties between Cambodia and Laos for the shared prosperity.

Both sides highly commended the cooperation in maintaining border security and combating cross-border crimes, thereby ensuring a peaceful and secure border. They also agreed to further bolster and strengthen relations between the armed forces of the two countries through exchanges of experience, in response to the current context, as well as to enhance military mechanisms within the Cambodia–Laos–Viet Nam framework.

The two leaders highly valued the efforts made by the two Governments in achieving 86% of demarcation and abornement works, and agreed to resolve the remaining border issues of approximately 14% in order to transform the border areas into the zone of friendship, peace, cooperation and development for the benefit of the people of respective countries.



The two leaders noted with satisfaction the progress of trade cooperation between Cambodia and Laos, acknowledged the significant potential for expanding bilateral trade and strengthening business relations, and encouraged the relevant authorities of both countries to work jointly to achieve the bilateral trade target of USD 700 million by 2030.

The two leaders placed great emphasis on infrastructure connectivity between the two countries, including the construction of the bridge across the Ropou River in Cambodia in Cambodia and Selampao in Laos, and welcome the signing of an Agreement on Transit and Transshipment of Agricultural Products through the Lao PDR between the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia and the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of Laos on 25th January 2026.

The two leaders agreed to further advance energy cooperation between Cambodia and Laos through the active and effective implementation of all existing energy-related Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding.

The two leaders highly commended the cooperation in human resource development between the two countries, particularly the continued provision of scholarships and training programs for students and officials from both nations. They also expressed their satisfaction that both Governments have given close attention to, and facilitated the support of Cambodian and Lao students studying in each other's countries.

In a warm and friendly atmosphere, the leaders of the two countries held candid discussions on cooperation in other sectors, including tourism, culture, and people-to-people connectivity, and exchanged views on regional and international issues of common interest.

His Excellency Dr. Thongloun SISOULITH expressed deep gratitude to His Majesty King NORODOM SIHAMONI, for the invitation and the Cambodian leaders and people for the warm hospitality extended to the Lao high delegation. His Excellency looks forward to extending the warm hospitality to His Majesty the King during his forthcoming state visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.



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