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**The Outcome of the Second Session of Bilateral Consultations between
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the
Kingdom of Cambodia and Global Affairs Canada**

On 12 February 2026, His Excellency MEAS Kim Heng, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency Alan Bowman, Director General for Southeast Asia and Oceania, Global Affairs Canada, successfully co-chaired the Second Cambodia-Canada Bilateral Consultations in Phnom Penh.

Both sides underscored the importance of this consultation mechanism and recalled the positive outcomes of the first Bilateral Consultations held in Ottawa in September 2024, noting the progress achieved since then. They reaffirmed their shared commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations and existing areas of cooperation, while exploring new opportunities with untapped potentials. The two sides also exchanged views on political and economic developments in their respective countries and discussed ways to enhance cooperation in trade and investment, education, tourism, defense and security, demining, human rights and good governance and other fields of mutual interest.

On the multilateral front, both sides reiterated their commitment to strengthening cooperation within the United Nations framework, including mutual support for candidatures in international organizations. His Excellency Alan Bowman expressed Canada's keen interest in supporting Cambodia's hosting of the 20th Francophonie Summit in 2026. In response, His Excellency the Secretary of State conveyed sincere appreciation for Canada's support and affirmed Cambodia's readiness to welcome a high-level Canadian delegation to the Summit later this year.



Both sides also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual concern, including updates on the Cambodia-Thailand border situation, and reaffirmed their commitment to promoting regional and global peace, stability, and development, as well as respect for international law and a rule-based international order.

The Second Bilateral Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Global Affairs Canada reflect strong friendship and close partnership between the two countries.



Phnom Penh, 14 February 2026