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Outcomes of the Official Visit of
The Right Honourable Mark Joseph Carney, Prime Minister of Canada,
to the Kingdom of Cambodia on 16 November 2026

At the invitation of **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, **The Right Honourable Mark Joseph Carney**, Prime Minister of Canada, paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia on 16 November 2026, following his participation in the 20th Francophonie Summit in Phnom Penh. The visit aimed at further deepening the growing cooperation between the two counties.

Prior to the official welcome ceremony, **The Right Honourable Mark Carney** laid a wreath at the Independence Monument, and paid tribute at the Royal Memorial of **His Majesty the late King Father of Cambodia, Preah Bat Samdech Preah NORODOM SIHANOUK "Preah Borom Ratanak Kaudh."**

The Right Honourable Mark Carney had a fruitful bilateral meeting with **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister.** The discussions between the two Prime Ministers were candid and constructive covering a wide range of issues, including trade, investment, connectivity, tourism, demining, agriculture, security and defense. They also exchanged views on regional and international developments.

On political cooperation, both Prime Ministers emphasized the significance of the growing relations of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation between Cambodia and Canada. Both sides pledged to work together for sustainable development, peace, stability and shared prosperity, and underscored the value of regular exchanges and engagement at all levels such as the successful

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Second Round of Bilateral Consultations between the two Foreign Ministries last February in Phnom Penh. Cambodia reaffirmed its intention to open its Embassy in Ottawa, in the near future, to facilitate closer engagement between the two nations.

On trade and investment, the leaders welcomed the positive growth in bilateral trade and pledged to jointly endeavor to further expand trade, diversify areas of economic cooperation, and create new opportunities for businesses and investors through the newly signed Memorandum of Understanding on Trade and Economic Cooperation. Both sides also stressed the importance of regular exchanges of high-level trade missions to strengthen business connections, and explore collaboration opportunities.

The two leaders highlighted the importance of expanding people-to-people exchanges through strengthening education, tourism, and cultural cooperation. In this regard, Cambodia welcomed the growing number of Canadian visitors and noted the strong potential to further boost tourism exchange.

On mine action, Cambodia expressed its deep appreciation for Canada's financial and technical assistance in humanitarian mine clearance and victims achievement of the goal of "Mine/ERW-Impact-Free Cambodia".

On ASEAN-Canada relations, **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** commended Canada's commitment to ASEAN Centrality and active participation in ASEAN-led mechanisms, including the ARF. Additionally, **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** welcomed the progress towards concluding the **ASEAN-Canada Free Trade Agreement**, which would accelerate trade and investment exchanges and advancing practical economic cooperation between Canada and ASEAN.

On regional and international issues, the two Prime Ministers committed to extending mutual support and coordination on regional and international fora, and underscored the essence of strengthening cooperation in addressing shared challenges, including in the areas of cyber security, artificial intelligence, financial service, and combating transnational crimes such as online scams. **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** also briefed **Prime Minister Mark Carney** on the current

Cambodia–Thailand border situation and expressed appreciation for Canada's support for the peaceful resolution of the disputes and humanitarian assistance provided to the displaced Cambodian families along the affected border areas.

Prime Minister Mark Carney commended Cambodia on its successful organization of the 20th Francophonie Summit and related events held in Phnom Penh from 13-17 November 2026. In response, **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet** expressed his profound gratitude to Canada for its active support and participation contributing to the success of this historic international event. He congratulated Canada on being the host of the 21st Francophonie Summit in 2028.

Following the bilateral meeting between **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet** and **Prime Minister Mark Carney**, two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed and exchanged in the presence of the two Prime Ministers, namely,

1. MOU on Trade and Economic Cooperation between the Ministry of Commerce of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada.
2. MOU on Financial Intelligence Exchange between the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) and the Cambodia Financial Intelligence Unit (CAFIU).

The two Leaders also made the announcements of the launch of exploratory discussions on concluding the Agreements on Avoidance of Double Taxation and on Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection between Cambodia and Canada.

The Right Honourable Mark Joseph Carney expressed deep appreciation to **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet** and the people of Cambodia for the warm hospitality extended to the Canadian delegation. He extended cordial invitation for **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet** to pay an official visit to Canada at a mutually convenient time, which **Samdech Thipadei** accepted with pleasure.

Phnom Penh, 19 November 2026