

## **SUMMARY REPORT**

### **on the Activities of the National Assembly**

### **Between the Third and the Fourth Sessions of the Sixth Legislature**

#### **of**

### **Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN, President of the National Assembly, to the National Assembly and the Compatriots**

First of all, on behalf of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia and on my own behalf, I would like to seek a royal permission to respectfully express my most profound thanks and gratitude to **His Majesty Preah Karuna Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromoneath NORODOM SIHAMONI**, King of the Kingdom of Cambodia, who is greatly pleased in sending a very important royal message to the National Assembly. The most royal benevolent gesture is a reiteration of His Majesty's considerate attention and care towards all subjects who are his most beloved sons and grandsons. Therefore, on behalf of the entire Members of the National Assembly, I would like to extend my best wishes to the most revered His Majesty the King for excellent health and great wisdom in order to provide a coolest shade for the whole Cambodian nation to live under the royal perfection forever.

Today, 2nd April 2020, it is the time for the opening of the National Assembly to convene the 4th Session of the 6th Legislature in order to fulfill our service for the nation and constituents after in recess since 4 January 2020.

However, as the Kingdom of Cambodia as well as other countries in the world are suffering from the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, and I think that the National Assembly shall make appropriate contributions to all measures set out by the Royal Government to prevent this disease, effectively implementing guidelines and instructions of the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the World Health Organization (WHO). Therefore, the Permanent Standing Committee of the National Assembly has decided to suspend non-essential meetings, including the opening of the 4th Session of the 6th Legislature. Despite this pandemic crisis, I have the obligation to keep the whole session, all compatriots and the general public informed of the Summary Report on the Working Activities performed by the National Assembly between the 3rd and 4th Session of the 6th Legislature as follows:

#### **I. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PERMANENT STANDING COMMITTEE AND EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS**

Between the third and fourth session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the Permanent Standing Committee has held its meetings for five times as follows:

**1. First meeting on 3 March 2020:** The Permanent Standing Committee approved the Royal Government's requests which proposed the convening of the extraordinary session to review and adopt 6 draft laws as a matter of urgency as follows:

- The Draft Law on the Approval of the Treaty on the Transfer of Convicts between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.
- The Draft Law on the Approval of the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.
- The Draft Law on the Establishment of the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation.
- The Draft Law on the Approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> Protocol to Amend the Agreement on ASEAN Trade in Goods.
- The Draft Law on the Approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement.
- The Draft Law on the Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement.

On the occasion, the meeting has decided to forward the said draft laws to the Specialized Commissions to review and give comments back to the Permanent Standing Committee.

**2. The second meeting on 11 March 2020:** After obtaining reports from the Specialized Commissions, which has studied and reviewed all 6 draft laws and requested the Permanent Standing Committee to include them in the extraordinary sessions for debate and adoption, the Standing Committee approved the request of the Specialized Commissions for the inclusion of the said draft laws in the agenda of the extraordinary session, which was held on Friday, 13 March 2020.

**3. The third meeting on 17 March 2020:** The Permanent Standing Committee has received a letter from Samdech Techo Prime Minister requesting the reconvening of the extraordinary session in order to review and pass 3 draft laws as a matter of urgency as follows:

- The draft law on the Guaranteed Payment of the Royal Government of Cambodia to the Royal Group Investment Company for the Investment Project to construct a 700-Megawatt Coal Power Plant in Koh Kong province.
- The draft law on the Guaranteed Payment of the Royal Government of Cambodia to Han Seng Coal Mine Company for the Investment Project to construct a 230KV Coal Power Transmission Line connecting from the Coal Power Plant in Udor Meanchey province to the eastern Siem Reap Sub-Station.
- The draft law on the Guaranteed Payment of the Royal Government of Cambodia to Han Seng Coal Mine Company for the Investment Project to construct a 265KV Coal Power Plant in Udor Meanchey province.

On the occasion, the meeting has decided to forward the said draft laws to the Specialized Commissions for review and recommendation to the Permanent Standing Committee.

4. **The fourth meeting on 24 March 2020:** The Standing Committee held its meeting to review requests of the Specialized Commissions to submit the 3 draft laws to the extraordinary session for debate and passage as a matter of urgency, and then the Permanent Standing Committee set the date for the extraordinary session on Thursday, 26 March 2020.
5. **The fifth meeting on 27 March 2020:** The Standing Committee held its meeting to review and approve the request to convene the Extraordinary session of the sixth legislature in pursuant to letter No. 249 LS.KB9 dated 20 March 2020 and proposal to vote on the amendment of the composition of the Royal Government of Cambodia by the letter No. 284 LS, dated 27 March 2020 of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

## II. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

Pursuant to the above-mentioned 3-time decisions of the Permanent Standing Committee, the National Assembly convened the extraordinary sessions 3 times: the first session was held on 13 March 2020 according to the decision of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly on 11 March 2020 to pass 6 draft laws. The second was held on 26 March 2020 according to the decision of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly on 17 March 2020 to review and pass 3 draft laws. The third one was held on 30 March 2020 according to the decision of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly on 27 March 2020 to cast a vote of confidence at the request for the reshuffle of the composition of the Royal Government.

During each session, the whole house unanimously passed those draft laws and the proposed revision of the composition of the government.

## III. THE ACTIVITIES OF PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY

In the past three months, the National Assembly has performed numerous annual international activities as usual, such as participation in inter-parliamentary fora as well as other crucial events.

1. **From 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** **Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN**, President of the National Assembly, led a high-level parliamentary delegation to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF28) under the theme of “**Parliamentary Partnership for 2020 and Beyond**” which was held in Canberra, Australia, at the invitation of the Speakers of the Australian parliament.
2. **On 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020:** at the National Assembly palace, **Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN**, President of the National Assembly, granted a courtesy call to **H.E. Mr. Bounnhang VORACHITH**, General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, during an official visit to Cambodia.
3. **From 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2020:** **H.E. Kittisanghakbindit Khuon Sudary**, Second Vice-President of the National Assembly, and Chairwoman of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC),

led a high-level parliamentary delegation to attend the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) World Summit 2020 (UPF) in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, under the theme of “**Peace, Security and Human Development**”.

4. **From 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January 2020: H.E. Mrs. Mak Vansitha**, member of the Commission 8 of the National Assembly, attended the Seminar on “**Gender Awareness**” and “**Gender Equality**” in Thailand.
5. **From 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> February 2020: H.E. Mr. Ouk Damry**, member of the Commission 10, and **H.E. Mr. Nguon Socheat**, member of the Commission 5, attended the seminar on “**Workshop on Common Legislative Policy Guidelines Framework of AIPA to Contribute to the Implementation of the ASEAN Integration Plan**” in Jakarta, Indonesia.
6. **From 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February 2020: H.E. Mr. Chea Vandeth**, chairman of the Commission 3, and chairman of the Cambodia-Laos Parliamentary Friendship Group, led a delegation to pay a study visit to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic to strengthen the ties of friendship and good cooperation between the two legislative bodies.

#### **IV. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

##### **1. My Activities, President of the National Assembly**

As the President of the National Assembly and the Standing Committee, apart from chairing the Permanent Standing Committee Meeting 5 times, extraordinary session 3 times, between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislature, **Samdech President** has reached out to the leaders, civil servants and people living in Tbong Khmum and Svay Rieng provinces as well as fulfilled other noble duties as follows:

- a. **Presiding Over Official and Ceremonial Events:** Samdech President attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF28) in Canberra, Australia; presided over the inauguration of a Buddhist Temple of Wat Meakeaboriyatithor, called wat Kbal Damrey, located in Trapeang Thlong commune, Ponhea Krek district, Tbong Khmum province, and a primary school building located in Tros commune, Romeas Hek district, Svay Rieng province. Samdech President attended a Royal Reception under the highest patronage of **His Majesty Preah Karuna Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI**, King of Cambodia.
- b. **Granting Courtesy Calls to Ambassadors national and International Guests:** I granted courtesy calls to, and had meetings with the following guests including, **H.E. Mr. Patrick Murphy**, Ambassador of the United States of America to Cambodia; **H.E. Mr. Pablo Chiho Kang**, Ambassador of Australia to Cambodia; **H.E. Mr. Bounhang VORACHITH**, General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, and Head of State of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic; **H.E. Mrs. Liurka Rodriguez Barriose**, newly appointed Cuban Ambassador to Cambodia; and a women delegation

led by **H.E. Mrs. Eung Kanthaphavy**, Minister of Women's Affairs, on the occasion of the 109<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day 8 March 2020.

## **2. The Activities of H.E. Dr. Nguon Nhel, the First Vice President of the National Assembly**

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislature, I attended the Standing Committee meetings 5 times, extraordinary session 3 times, and assumed the post as Acting President of the National Assembly 1 time and fulfilled other duties as follows:

Chaired meetings 3 times with PMs and senators for Kampong Thom constituency, the provincial Board Governor, Provincial Councils, district governors and all 9 district councils, together with commune chiefs in order to better understand the security situation, public orders, economic affairs and the livelihoods of the provincial people.

Presided over the 41<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 7 January Victory Day and acted as the high representative of Samdech Prime Minister during the inauguration ceremony of 2 new school buildings of 12 classrooms at HUN SEN Krava high-school located in Baray district, Kampong Thom province.

Chaired the meeting of all 6 Sub-Committee and Working Groups under the Sub-Committee, and the meeting of the Organizing Committee in order to make necessary preparations for the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP-11), which will be held in Cambodia with the participation of chairs, vice-chairs and members of Sub-Commissions of the Organizing Committee and leaders of National Secretariat ASEP 11 as well as expert staff members of the Secretariats General of the National Assembly, Senate and representatives of some relevant ministries.

Had a meeting and visiting with elders from 18 communes in Baray and Tang Kok districts, and the both district representatives to find out about security situation, public order, economy and people's lives.

Had a meeting with abbot of **Preytatrav pagoda**, Baray district governor, Chief of Religious and Cult Office and representatives in charge of Festival Committee to discuss the postponement of the cremation ceremony of the body of Baray district monk chief and the former abbot of **Preytatrav pagoda**, located in Baray district, Kampong Thom province.

Attended a well-wishing event to offer best wishes to **Samdech Thamavisutha Vongsa SAO TY HENG SAMRIN** on the occasion of her 82 birthday and the 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Women's Day 8 March 2020.

Granted a courtesy call to **H.E. Mr. Muhammad Faruk Khan**, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of the parliament of Bangladesh, and Chairman of the Bangladesh-Cambodia Parliamentary Friendship Group and Japanese Delegation led by **H.E. Mr. IMAMURA Masahiro**, President of the Japan-Cambodia Parliamentary Friendship League.

### **3. The Activities of H.E. Kittisangahabindit Khuon Sudary, Second Vice-President of the National Assembly**

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislature, **Her Excellency the Second Vice-President** attended the Permanent Standing Committee meetings 5 times and extraordinary sessions 3 times, and as an MP for Kandal province constituency, the Second Vice-President has reached out to constituents 3 times and fulfilled other work as follows:

- Led a high-level parliamentary delegation and from the Asian Cultural Council to attend the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) World Summit 2020 (UPF) under the theme of “**Peace, Security and Human Development**” which was held in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.
- Attended the Preparatory Meeting of the ASEP11 National Secretariat to discuss agendas and progress report in preparations for the ASEP11 to be hosted by Cambodia.
- Presided over the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the 7 January Victory Day over the Genocidal Regime 2 times; the 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Women’s Day 8 March 2020 in Leukdek district, Kandal province and the National Assembly Palace; meeting of Cambodian Women Parliamentarian Caucus to review action plans and future directives 2020; the first and second meeting of the Sub-Committee on Documentation, Exhibition and Publication of the Organizing Committee for 157<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Day of Red-Cross and Red Crescent for 2 times; the closing ceremony of the Seminar on “**Building Strategy for 2030 of the Cambodian Red-Cross**” at the Cambodian Red Cross Headquarter 3 times; and the International Day for Maternal and Child Health under the theme of “**Future Cambodian Child Health**” which was held in Kohthom district, Kandal province.
- Participated five times under the high presidency of **Samdech Prime Minister**, including the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the 7 January Victory Day over the Genocidal Regime; the 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Women’s Day 8 March 2020; the 4<sup>th</sup> Get-Together Event between **Samdech Prime Minister** and local Journalists; and the closing Youth Arts Festival nationwide; a dinner party with the head of the government and artists at Koh Pich Conference Hall.

- Meeting with national and international guests, including **1.** Director of International Relations Department and Director of Protocol Department to discuss the preparations of participation of the Cambodian delegation in a seminar in Danang, Viet Nam; **2. Mr. Dararith Kimyeath**, Chairman of the Cambodian Parliamentary Institute (PIC) to discuss action plans Cambodian National Assembly of Women politicians, 2020; **3. H.E. Mr. Leng Peng Long**, Secretary General of the National Assembly, and the ASEP-11 Secretariat's Working Group, in order to report on working progress in relations to the preparations for the upcoming ASEP-11 in Cambodia; **4. H.E. Mr. Ek Nath Dhakal**, Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation for the Asia-Pacific.
- Recorded health education video of the talk entitled "International Movement Concerned with Global COVID-19"
- Assumed the role as the high representative of **Samdech Kitipritbindit** President of the Cambodian Red Cross to lead a national delegation to Prey Veng and Svay Rieng, Kandal provinces and brought donations from **Her Majesty the Queen Mother Monineath Sihanouk**, the Great Mother of the Khmer Nation, and Honorary President of the Cambodian Red-Cross, for the bereaved families suffered from building collapse in Kep province for 2 times, sharing condolences to the victims; attended the **2019 Annual Review Meeting and Future Direction for 2020** set out by the Women's Movement for Peace & Development; and attended **the 2019 Annual Review Meeting and Future Plan for 2020** set out by the National Women Council at the Peace Palace.

## V. THE JOINT ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Your Excellencies the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, Secretaries and Members of the Specialized Commissions have jointly fulfilled their working activities as follows:

- The Meeting of the Organizing Committee of the ASEP11 to discuss key agendas under the presidency of **His Excellency Dr. First Vice-President**.
- The meeting between the Chairman of the Commission 3 with **H.E. Mr. Amphay Kindavong**, Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Cambodia, with the participation from representatives of the other commissions of the National Assembly.
- The inauguration ceremony of a **new Buddhist temple** and other **religious achievements** at Wat Meakeaboriyatithor, called wat Kbal Damrey, located in Trapeang Thlong commune, Ponhea Krek district, Tboung Khmum province under the high presidency of **Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN**, President of the National Assembly.

- The 109<sup>th</sup> International Women’s Day under the theme of “**Peace and Gender Equality**” under my presidency, President of the National Assembly, and Samdech Prime Minister.
- The presentation and discussion session made by **Mr. Nicola Ronaldi**, Chairman of the External Policy Unit of the European Parliament from Brussels, on the preparations for the ASEP11, and had a meeting with **H.E. Ms. Carmen Moreno**, EU Ambassador to Cambodia, in order to discuss this upcoming event.
- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Reconstruction of the National Road No. 2 and 22, with the length of 72,17km under the grant from the Government of the Republic of Korea, which was held under the high presidency of **Samdech Techo Prime Minister**.
- The meeting between the Specialized Commissions 2, 5 and 9 with the representatives of the government to discuss and study the draft law.
- The meeting between the Specialized Commissions 5 and 6 with the representatives of the government to discuss and review the 2 draft laws.
- The meeting between the Specialized Commissions 9 and 6 with the representatives of the government led by **H.E. Kittisethabindit. Chom Prasith**, Senior Minister and Minister of Industry and Handicraft, to discuss and review the Draft Law.
- The meeting between the Specialized Commissions 9 and 3 to discuss and review the 2 Draft Laws led by **H.E. Mr. Chin Bunsean**, Senior Minister in charge of Special Mission and Vice-Chairman of the Development Council of Cambodia.
- The meeting between the Specialized Commissions 9 and 2 to discuss and review the 3 Draft Laws with **H.E. Mr. Suy Sem**, Minister of Mines and Energy, and **H.E. Mr Hean Sahib**, Secretary of State for the Ministry of Economy and Finance and his colleagues.

## **VI. THE ACTIVITIES OF EACH COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **1. The Commission on Reception of Complaints, Investigation and National Assembly-Senate Relations**

*The Commission 1 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Working trips to Tboung Khmum, Kratie, Steunbg Treng, Rattanakiri and Mondulkiri provinces with the objective of:
  - o Reaching out to commune councilors, village chiefs, pagoda commission, school headmasters, health care chiefs, armed forces as well as constituents to better understand their livelihoods, needs and challenges at localities.
  - o Holding discussion with provincial governors, councils to better understand progress and mechanisms in land dispute settlements laid out by those provinces.



- Paying greater attention to provide better public service for people, especially to bolster the Village/Commune Safety Policy in eradicating illegal gambling, crimes, including instructing people to respect traffic law.
- Facilitating and solving problems for affected people who involved in disputes by gathering information from all sides and informed the concerned institutions to speed up the settlement of disputes in a timely manner.
- Joining with the commission 3 and 8 to pay a working trip to Pursat province.
- Attending the Seminars, Certificate Hand-Over Ceremony, Documents and Training Session on ““**Fiscal Analysis, Parliamentary Budgetary Office (PBO)**”, which was organized by the Secretariat General of Senate supported by the PIC.
- Receiving 25 complaints from municipalities and provinces, and has sent 16 letters of intervention, while the rest of them has been under examination. For returning the complaints and reply letters are none.

## **2. The Commission on Economy, Finance, Banking and Audit**

*The Commission 2 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Chaired internal meetings 4 times to discuss preparations for the working trips and reviewing the 4 draft laws.
- Attended meeting between the Specialized Commissions 2 and 5 with the representatives of government to review the draft law on the Approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> Protocol to Amend ASEAN Trade Agreement.
- Attended meeting between the Specialized Commissions 2 and 9 with the representatives of government to review the 3 draft laws.
- Had meetings with governors of Udon Meanchey, Siem Reap, Kampong Thom provinces, including provincial administrations as well as concerned departments with the goal of:
  - better understanding the working progress achieved by the provinces and gathering related information on economic and financial areas, including the effectiveness of law enforcement, especially national revenue collection and challenges faced.
  - Seeking more understanding on revenue collection made by the Secretariat of Civil Aviation of Siem Reap International Airport.
  - Better understanding revenue collection made by Angkor Institute and Apsara Authority of Siem Reap province.

- Holding meetings with provincial board of governors, administrative leaders and concerned departments within the responsibility of the commission.
- seeking more understanding about provincial geographies and collecting related information on economic and financial fields, including national revenue collection that is under the responsibility of the Commission, as well as working progress on the effectiveness of law enforcement, together with joint efforts in tackling challenges faced by the provinces.

### **3. The Commission on Planning, Investment, Agriculture, Rural Development, Environment and Water Resources**

*The Commission 3 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Opened internal meetings to make preparations for working trips in order to better understand related areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- Had a meeting with **H.E. Mr. Amphay Kindavong**, Ambassador of the Lao PDR to Cambodia, with the participation of representatives from other Commissions; and a meeting with **the director of Madoc Jolie-Pitt foundation** Cambodia to hear a presentation and consultations surrounding the conservation of Samlaut Wildlife Sanctuary in Battambang province.
- Paid a study visit to the Lao PDR.
- Attended meeting between the Specialized Commissions 3 and 9 with the representatives of government to review the 2 draft laws.
- Conducted working trips to Prey Veng, Tboung Khmum, Kampong Cham and Svay Rieng provinces with the aim of:
  - seeking more understanding on provincial geographies and gathering more information concerning working progress, the effectiveness of law enforcement and challenges that related to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
  - inspecting locations to build riverbanks, rubber processing sites for exports, dumping sites, irrigation networks, bird conservation areas, slaughter houses, road infrastructures and communications that have suffered damages.
  - Paid a working trip to Svay Rieng province and inspected Veiko Irrigation System, Chamreunphal Agricultural Community in Svay Chrum district and visited provincial Agricultural Product Center.

### **4. The Commission on Interior, National Defense and Civil Service**

*The Commission 4 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Attended the Meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sub-Committee of the Organizing Committee for the upcoming ASEP-11 to publicize the decisions, expenditure and protection plans for ASEP-11 delegates.
- Conducted working trips to Siem Reap, Kampong Thom, Preah Vihear and Udormeanchey provinces with the aim of:
  - o holding meetings with provincial leaders and concerned departments who in charge of related areas under the responsibility of the Commission so as to learn more about working progress, impacts and challenges regarding law enforcement as well as security and public orders.
  - o better understanding the implementation of village-commune Safety Policy, public services, leading mechanisms for centralization and de-concentration reform, the implementation of functions and structures by district/khan/municipal administration.
  - o learning more about migration issues, civil society management, prison management, migration workers and health care service management at local levels.
  - o Joining a delegation from the Cambodia-Laos Parliamentary Group for an official visit to the Lao PDR.

## **5. The Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and Media**

*The Commission 5 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the APPF, which was held in Canberra, Australia.
- Honorarily attended **the 2019 Annual Review Meeting** and Future Direction for 2020 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation under the high presidency of **Samdech Techo Prime Minister**.
- Had a meeting **with H.E. Mr. Muhammad Faruk Khan**, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Parliament of Bangladesh; **H.E. Mr. Panyarak Poolthup**, Ambassador of Thailand to Cambodia, to discuss the upcoming official visit of delegation from the Cambodia-Thailand Parliamentary Friendship Group to Thailand; **H.E. Mr. Luk Arnold**, Charge Affairs of the Australian Embassy, to discuss and give a brief report on extreme weather conditions in Australia caused by bushfire, together with other matters pertaining to the participation of **Samdech President of** the National Assembly in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the APPF in Canberra, Australia; **H.E. Mr. Imamura Masahiro**, Chairman of Japan-Cambodia Parliamentary Friendship Association, and delegation, and discussed further cooperation on foreign affairs between the two parliaments, Cambodia and Japan.

- Held a meeting with **H.E. Mrs. Ty Borasy**, Chairwoman of the Commission 5 of the Senate to discuss the admission as the Founding Member of the International Parliamentarians' Congress (IPC).
- Attended the meeting of the Cambodian Parliamentary National Group to discuss the preparations of documents before attending **the Meeting of the Political Standing Committee** of the APF in Bucharest, Romania.
- Attended a Preparatory Meeting to discuss security protection for the upcoming ASEP-11 event, and to review agendas, make known decisions, revised composition, expense plans and protection work of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sub-Commission for this crucial event.
- Had a meeting between the Specialized Commissions 2, 6, and 9 to review and discuss the 3 draft laws with the representatives of the government.

## **6. The Commission on Legislation and Justice**

*The Commission 6 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Made a presentation on the background, structure, role and duties of the National Assembly during a study tour of the 24th Military Police Officers' Training Course of the Royal Gendarmerie.
- Held two meetings to discuss the working progress related to the preparation of the contents and documents for the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP-11) to be hosted by Cambodia.
- Held Internal Meetings to review and study:
  - Draft Law on the Establishment of the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation.
  - Draft Law on the Transfer of Prisoners between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.
  - Draft law on the legal treaty on mutual assistance in the criminal sector between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.
- Attended Inter-Commissions meetings with the government representatives to review and study the above-mentioned three draft laws.
- Working trips to Kampong Chhnang and Pursat Provinces in the purpose of:
  - to visit and meet with provincial governors, provincial council members, provincial courts and provincial officials;

- to seek better understanding about the effectiveness of law enforcement carried out by relevant expert departments, as well as to oversee the implementation of the Royal Government's Rectangular Strategy Phase IV;
- to understand the law implementation by holding meetings with provincial board of governors and court chiefs and urged concerned authorities to effectively provide public services to the people;
- to disseminate laws adopted by the National Assembly and mechanisms to settle disputes outside court so as to provide harmony for people in general through coordination, consultations and outside-court system concession.

## **7. The Commission on Education, Youth, Sport, Cults, Religions, Cultures and Tourism**

*The Commission 7 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Had meeting with a delegation from the Konrad Adenauer numbering 25 young politicians from 11 Asian countries in order to share with the delegates the responsibility of the youth, who are would-be future leaders of in their respective countries that requires us to have a depth understanding of all aspects and contexts of their countries before making assessment and setting up priorities and needs in response to the actual needs of the peoples.
- Had meetings with newly appointed foreign ambassadors to the Kingdom of Cambodia, namely **His Excellency Mr. Christian Berger**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, **His Excellency Mr. Patrick Murphy**, US Ambassador, **H.E. Mr. Pablo Kang**, Ambassador of Australia.
- Attended preparatory meetings to discuss the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP-11) and to review the agendas, documents and key issues 2 times.

## **8. The Commission on Health, Social Affairs, Veterans, Youth Rehabilitation, Vocational Training, and Women's Affairs**

*The Commission 8 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Working trips to Kampong Thom, Pursat, Battambang, Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, Oddar Meanchey, Banteay Meanchey and Pailin provinces with the purpose of:
  - Better understanding the effective implementation of the law, with a focus on **the National Social Security Fund**.
  - Held discussions with provincial governors and heads of relevant departments to understand the progress made, and challenges faced by the provincial administration.

- Stepping up the awareness about the benefits from using **National Social Security Card, Equity card** for the poor, workers, veterans and civil servants.
- Raising awareness about burning medical waste disposed by both public private hospitals and paying attention to this in an appropriate manner.
- Encouraging referral hospitals and health centers to intensify their capacity to treat people in order to compete with private hospitals as well as to effectively prevent the spread of non-communicable diseases. According to the World Health Report in Cambodia, 116 people have been killed a day.
- Better learning about the provision of health services through the Social Security Scheme and **Cash Provision Policy** for pregnant women and under two-year-old children.
- Held a meeting to review contents of a responding letter at the IPU's request for Gender and malnutrition in Cambodia.

## **9. The Commission on Public Works, Transportation, Telecommunication, Post, Industry, Mines, Energy, Commerce, Urban Planning and Construction**

*The Commission 9 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Held 5 internal meetings to discuss the 7 draft laws and review action plans set out by the Commission in reaching out to constituents during the recess.
- Convened 3 joint Commission meetings, namely the Commissions 2, 3 and 6 to review and discuss the 7 draft laws with representatives of the Royal Government and participation of the representatives from other concerned commissions.
- Conducted working trips to Mondulkiri, Ratanakiri, Stung Treng, Preah Vihear and Kampong Thom provinces with the purpose of meetings with the 5 provincial administrative leaders to understand the effectiveness of law enforcement under the purview of the Commission and monitor the development of road infrastructure, trading activities at border gates, O Chum small scale hydro station and Huong An Andong Meas company, which cultivates and exports agriculture crops.
- Held the 3 meetings of the third Sub-committee on Logistic, Protocol and Hospitality in preparations for the 11th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting.

## **10. Commission on Investigation and Anti-Corruption**

*The Commission 10 has fulfilled the following activities:*

- Held internal meeting to prepare a working visit to Anti-Corruption Unit.
- Made a Presentation about the roles and duties of the National Assembly to a group of 110 students from University of South-East Asia, Siem Reap province.
- Visited the Anti-Corruption Unit to seek understanding more about the working progress and effectiveness of law enforcement and legal instruments related to anti-corruption area.
- Participated in the Project Completion Ceremony, Certificate and Training and Documentation Hand Over ceremony on “Fiscal Analysis of the Parliamentary Budgetary Office” organized by the Secretariat-General of the Senate, supported by the Parliamentary Institute of Cambodia (PIC).
- Had a working trip with Commission 3 of the National Assembly to Prey Veng Province.
- Attended a 3<sup>rd</sup> Discussion Group for the upcoming ASEP-11 and review progress of document preparations and future direction.
- Joined the delegation of the Cambodia-Laos Parliamentary friendship Group to pay a study visit to the Laos PDR.

## **VII. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LEADERSHIP AND THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Over the recent recess, members of the National Assembly have earnestly visited residents in their respective constituencies, accepted requests and tried their best to find solutions for the people who are vote owners.

Our esteemed parliamentarians has fulfilled a great deal of activities in their respective constituencies. I ask for your understanding that I can't go into details, but please find the detailed ones which were already circulated to all MPs here.

### **Respectful Session**

**Samdech, Excellencies and Members of the National Assembly and all beloved compatriots,**

The National Assembly is standing on the high sense of responsibility and put the people's interests before anything else through legislating laws based on the spirit of national reconciliation and unity for the sake of peace, social justice, independence, neutrality, territorial integrity and prosperity of our beloved motherland.

On this occasion, in my behalf, the President of the National Assembly and in my own behalf, I sincerely commend all members of the National Assembly for your greater efforts in fulfilling your noble duties irrespective of tiredness or political tendencies in the best interests of the people and the nation.

On behalf of members of the National Assembly and on my own behalf, I would like to express my deepest thanks to all state institutions including the Royal Government of Cambodia headed by Samdech Akka Moha Padei Techo Hun Sen as well as local authorities at all levels for providing good cooperation and favorable conditions for commissions and delegations of the National Assembly as well as lawmakers to hold friendly discussion, work and visit residents in their respective constituencies and undertake works directly with the staff members of parliamentarian offices throughout the country safely.

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Lastly, I wish the entire members of the National Assembly the 4 benedictions of Buddha: longevity, nobility, peace and strength.

Thank you very much!