

**Joint Press Release of H.E.Wang Yi's Visit to
Cambodia and the 7th Meeting of the Cambodia-China
Intergovernmental Coordination Committee**

From April 21 to 23, 2024, His Excellency Mr. Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited Cambodia. During the visit, His Excellency Mr. Wang Yi was granted a royal audience by His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, and paid separate courtesy calls on Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, President of Senate and Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia. His Excellency Mr. Wang Yi also co-chaired the 7th meeting of the Cambodia-China Intergovernmental Coordination Committee with His Excellency Mr. Sun Chanthol, Deputy Prime Minister and had a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Mr. SOK Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Both sides agreed that Cambodia and China are ironclad friends that stand by each other and help each other in times of difficulty. Under the strategic guidance of President Xi Jinping and the Cambodian leadership, the two sides have deepened and substantiated their efforts to build a Cambodia-China community with a shared future, enriched the "diamond hexagon" cooperation framework, and made positive progress in building the Industrial and Technological Corridor as well as the Fish and Rice Corridor, bringing tangible benefits to the two nations. Both sides agreed to fully leverage the coordinating role of the Cambodia-China Intergovernmental Coordination Committee to further build a high-quality, high-level and high-standard Cambodia-China community with a shared future in the new era and jointly promote free, open, equal, inclusive and universally beneficial multilateralism and economic globalization.

The Chinese side reiterated support to Cambodia's choice of development path that suits the Cambodian national conditions, support to Cambodia's efforts to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests, and firm opposition to external interference in Cambodia's internal affairs. The Cambodian side reaffirmed its commitment to the one-China policy and its recognition that the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole

of China and that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. Cambodia opposes any attempt to use the Taiwan question to interfere in China's internal affairs, opposes any form of "Taiwan independence", firmly supports all efforts by the Chinese government to achieve national reunification, and will not develop any form of official relations with Taiwan.

Both sides agreed to enhance high-level engagement and deepen exchanges on governance. The two sides will strengthen defence cooperation, continue to hold joint exercises and training, advance collaboration in such fields as medical services and logistics, personnel training and mine clearance, and jointly fight cross-border crimes such as online gambling, telecom fraud and drug trafficking.

Both sides agreed to deepen synergy between the Belt and Road Initiative and the Pentagonal Strategy-Phase I, expedite the formulation of the cooperation plan for the Industrial and Technological Corridor, advance the preliminary planning and design of the Cambodia-China Railway, and deliver on the Chinese Agricultural Demonstration Center and other early harvest projects of the Fish and Rice Corridor, deepening Cambodia-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation. The two sides will ensure high-quality implementation of the China-Cambodia Free Trade Agreement, promote imports of Cambodian agricultural products to China, and encourage more Chinese businesses to invest in Cambodia.

Both sides agreed to take the opportunity of the "Cambodia-China People-to-People Exchange Year" to encourage greater tourism exchange between the two countries, increase two-way flights wherever appropriate, support Cambodia in tapping its tourism and cultural resources, and carry out more substantive exchanges between youths, localities and friendship groups. Cambodia will support the China Cultural Center in resuming its operation in Cambodia.

Both sides reiterated their readiness to cooperate under the framework of the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, and further enhance coordination and collaboration within such platforms as Lancang-Mekong Cooperation and ASEAN-China cooperation. Both sides agreed that it serves the common interests of regional countries to safeguard the hard-won peace and stability, and promote development and prosperity in the region. Both sides stressed their commitment to fully and effectively implementing the Declaration on the

Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), and advancing the negotiation on the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) for its early conclusion.

The two sides signed cooperation documents in areas including infrastructure, inspection and quarantine. At the signing ceremony, a book entitled “The Custom of Cambodia” in Khmer translation from Chinese original was released, and a launching ceremony was held for Cambodian coconut export to China.