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Visit of Prime Minister of Cambodia to strengthen bilateral relationship

The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, will arrive in Dili on Friday for a two-day Official visit to Timor-Leste. Prime Minister Araújo said that he looked forward to the upcoming visit as an opportunity to further strengthen Timor-Leste's relationship with Cambodia. The two leaders enjoyed discussions earlier this year during the World Economic Forum on ASEAN in Malaysia.

The Sixth Constitutional Government, in line with its Government Program, has worked to enhance Timor-Leste's bilateral relationships with all regional partners, and in preparation for accession to ASEAN has made efforts to fully operationalize the Timor-Leste embassies now established in all 10 ASEAN member states.

Timor-Leste's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Ms. Felicidade de Sousa Guterres, was received in Phnom Penh in April this year. On that occasion Prime Minister Hun Sen noted that the opening of the embassy in Cambodia had reflected the attention of both countries to boosting their friendship. Former Prime Minister Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão visited the Kingdom of Cambodia in 2013.

During his official visit to Timor-Leste Prime Minister Hun Sen and his delegation will discuss areas of cooperation between the two countries and are expected to sign agreements relating to technical and economic cooperation, visa requirements and cooperation in the field of labor. The Cambodian delegation are scheduled to meet with the Timor-Leste Chamber of Commerce to discuss opportunities to enhance regional cooperation. Prime Minister Hun Sen and his delegation will honor Timor-Leste by visiting the Heroes Cemetery at Metinaro and attending the commemorations of FALINTIL Day taking place on the 20th of August.

Spokesperson for the Sixth Constitutional Government, Minister of State Agio Pereira noted "Timor-Leste warmly welcomes Prime Minister Hun Sen and his distinguished delegation. We embrace this opportunity to deepen our bonds of friendship with the Kingdom of Cambodia and appreciate the attendance of our visitors as we commemorate FALINTIL Day. Timor-Leste continues to strengthen relationships with all of our ASEAN neighbors as we do all we can in preparation for our own accession to ASEAN." **ENDS**



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