

**Action Plan**  
**For the Comprehensive and Long-Lasting Strategic Partnership**  
**Between the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Kingdom of Cambodia**  
**(2023-2027)**

The Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) and the Kingdom of Cambodia are neighboring countries with bilateral friendship dating back to ancient times. The two countries established diplomatic relations on 15 June 1956. The strong bond of friendship, fraternal solidarity as well as traditional and cultural affinity established by Leaders of both countries from generation to generation, especially after January 1979, the time when Cambodia was liberated from the Khmer Rouge genocidal regime, have laid a solid foundation for long-term steady development of bilateral relations. With a view to further consolidate cooperation in political-security, economic, socio-cultural fields, the Leaders of both countries decided to elevate these bilateral ties to the Comprehensive and Long-lasting Strategic Partnership on 12 September 2019 during the official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia by H.E. Mr. Thongloun SISOULITH, then Prime Minister of the Lao PDR. With a view to ensure development of bilateral relations, commensurate with the enhanced level, both sides agreed to formulate an Action Plan for forging the Lao PDR and the Kingdom of Cambodia's Comprehensive and Long-lasting Strategic Partnership.

The Action Plan focuses on strengthening cooperation in five major areas namely, political, security, economic and technical, socio-cultural and multilateral cooperation. The aim of this Action Plan is to bring more substantial benefits to both peoples, and to make contribution to peace, security, prosperity and development in the region and the world at large.

**A. Areas of Cooperation**

**1. Political Cooperation**

**1. Foreign Affairs**

- Maintaining regular high-level meetings between the representatives of the two countries and relevant departments of the two Foreign Ministries in order to strengthen and promote the coordination between the two sides to jointly address issues or incidents in a timely and effective manner with the aim of enhancing trust between the two nations.
- Enhancing regular meetings between high officials at the level of Deputy Minister/Secretary of State between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs in order to further strengthen good cooperation between the two ministries and exchange views on bilateral cooperation as well as on regional and international issues for mutual benefit of the two countries.

- Further strengthening and enhancing bilateral relations and good cooperation through an exchange of views and consultation at Director General Level of concerned Departments between the two Foreign Ministries.
- Further strengthening the role of the Laos-Cambodia Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation to comprehensively coordinate and promote pragmatic cooperation in various areas.
- Enhancing the spirit of solidarity and adherence to the principles of non-interference into each other's internal affairs, non-use of force or threat of force, peaceful settlement of disputes, and not allowing any foreign political group or armed forces to use their respective territory against the other side.

## **2. Legislative Bodies**

- Promoting exchanges of visits at the levels of Leaders, committee/commission, Parliamentary Groups, Parliamentary Friendship Groups, Women Parliamentarians and General Secretariats of the National Assembly of the Lao PDR and the two Chambers of Cambodian Parliament (National Assembly and Senate) to strengthen friendship and solidarity.
- Organizing seminars and/or meetings to exchange the experiences and best practices in area of mutual interest.
- Promoting exchanges of legal documents, information and new development in area of mutual interest.
- Continuing to exercise their oversight role and encourage respective governments to effectively implement all agreements signed by the two sides.
- The two legislative bodies may strengthen discussion and exchange views on cooperation in circumstances threatening peace, security and stability in the region and the world.
- Providing mutual support, particularly in time of need that enhances parliamentary partnership between the two legislative bodies.
- Continuing the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Lao-Cambodian Parliamentary Friendship Group of the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Cambodian-Lao Parliamentary Friendship Group of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia on Providing Scholarship to the Lao National Assembly signed by the Chairmen of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups of the two National Assemblies.

### **3. Inspection Cooperation**

- Commending the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on bilateral cooperation in the field of anti-corruption between the State Inspection and Anti-Corruption Authority of the Lao PDR (SIAA) and the Anti-Corruption Unit of the Kingdom of Cambodia (ACU) on 15 November 2013 and ended on 15 November 2018.
- Encouraging further discussion on the signing of a new MOU on Cooperation in the field of anti-corruption for the next five years, for the period of 2023-2027.
- Reiterating the continuation of exchange of visits and expertise between the two concerned authorities.

### **4. Public Audit Cooperation**

- Continuing bilateral cooperation in auditing works between the State Audit Organization of the Lao PDR and the National Audit Authority of the Kingdom of Cambodia to emphasize on sharing audit knowledge and experiences, as well as International Standard of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs), and other audit related information.
- Continuing cooperation through the implementation of trilateral cooperation (Supreme Audit Institution of Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam) to enhance and promote the cooperation on public audit area.

## **II. Defense and Security Cooperation**

### **5. Defense Cooperation**

- Promoting cooperation for peace, stability and security in the border areas, as well as to further strengthen relations between the Lao and Cambodian armed forces by encouraging more exchange of visits, discussions and meetings.
- Promoting cooperation more closely in prevention and suppression of illegal logging, illegal border crossing, drug, human trafficking and restricted goods by exchanging and sharing information between the security units in the border areas of the two countries.
- Supporting the use of existing mechanism in strengthening cooperation between the two armed forces, especially the security authorities along the border areas at all levels to increase efficiency in addressing security issues in the border areas.
- Enhancing cooperation on the training and capacity building by sharing knowledge and experience among armed forces in order to manage new challenges in the world and maintaining traditional good relations of the two countries.
- Enhancing cooperation on culture and sports by promoting joint activities and exchanges among security authorities of the two countries to enhance their relations.

- Elevating the level of the Border Security Committee between Laos-Cambodia and Cambodia-Laos, in which the two countries have assigned Brigadier General Vanthong BOUDTAVONG, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Ministry of National Defence of the Lao PDR and General ETH Sarath, Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Chief of Joint Staff of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Cambodia respectively as the Committee Leaders.
- Convening meetings of the Border Security Sub-Committee Laos-Cambodia, Cambodia-Laos at the local level (the Divisions and Provincial Military of Laos and Military Regions and Provincial Sub-Operational Zone of Cambodia) on a rotating basis to discuss issues related to security and public order along the border between Laos and Cambodia.
- Assisting the Joint Border Committee in conducting survey and demarcation of the remaining border areas to ensure that the demarcation will be accomplished as soon as possible.
- Expediting the signing of the MOU on Cooperation between the Ministry of National Defence of the Lao PDR and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Cambodia which will serve as reference for the Border Security Committee between Laos-Cambodia and Cambodia-Laos to carry out the implementation.

#### **6. Public Security Cooperation and Drug Issues**

- Maintaining regular exchange of visits at all levels including immigration delegates; sharing and exchanging information between the Ministry of Public Security of the Lao PDR and the Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Cambodia with regard to the prevention of human trafficking, illegal migration, illegal trading and illegal border crossing, illicit drug trafficking as well as raising peoples' awareness on these issues.
- Holding regular meetings on a rotating basis once a year at provincial level, and once a year at district level, to discuss the impact of drugs and possible cooperation on the fight against illicit drugs trafficking. In case of necessity, the meeting can be convened at time of mutual consent and its result must be reported to relevant higher authority.
- Promoting the Border Liaison Officer's roles in order to exchange the situation, information, subjects and actions of the drug-related crimes in a timely manner.
- Supporting the implementation of the transfer of sentenced persons in accordance with the agreement of the government of the two countries and encouraging comprehensive discussion and development of registration for implementing the transfer of sentenced persons between the two countries.
- Further agreeing to offer two places for undergraduate scholarships in linguistics for officials from the two Ministries through the Ministries of Education of the two countries.

## **7. Border Issues**

- Implementing the Treaty on the Delimitation of the State Border that recognized the results of the border inspection about 86% of the borderline achieved by the two countries, which has inspected 465 km of the borderline, planted on the terrain 121 boundary pillars.
- For the remaining 14% border sector, both sides have agreed to finalize the draft TOR to the French Government by implementing the content of the Joint Letter of the Prime Ministers of the two countries to the French President dated 06 September 2017 and to continue the discussion on the remaining border sectors by implementing the 4 principles and other relevant documents that both sides have agreed.

## **8. Law and Judicial Cooperation**

- Maintaining the cooperation between Ministries of Justice, the Supreme Courts of both countries in strengthening the bilateral, sub-regional and regional cooperation.
- Organizing forums on law enforcement cooperation and promoting cooperation mechanism between provincial law enforcement bodies along the border of the two countries. Encouraging the arrangement of the bilateral meeting between the two Supreme Courts of the two countries on the sideline of the 4<sup>th</sup> Border Provincial Meeting of Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam which will be hosted by the Lao side as early as possible and expect to discuss further on the signing of the MOU on judicial cooperation in the future.
- Enhancing deeper cooperation with border provinces of the two countries between Champasak-Attapue-Steung Treng provinces.
- Enhancing the implementation of MOU, signed in 2014 by arranging the official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia of high-ranking delegation from the Supreme People's Prosecutor of the Lao PDR in 2023; conducting a three parties' prosecutor seminar Lao-Vietnam-Cambodia in 2024 and organizing a conference on judicial cooperation especially on extradition cooperation.
- Encouraging the Supreme Courts of the two countries to have closer judicial cooperation and to sign the bilateral agreement on judicial cooperation which will promote exchange on legal experience and improve judicial systems of the two countries.
- Strengthening the cooperation of the courts of all levels, improving the judicial system, the judicial role and prestige, ensuring the independence of judicial power, exchange judges to attend trainings, seminars or internships, encourage mutual exchange and the visit of the delegation, exchange judges' delegation at the local levels base on the real situation by rotated host and consultation in advance in the proper time and other matters that are of particular interest and importance to the supreme court of the two countries.

- Encouraging to conduct the Judicial Conference of Courts Sharing Border with Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam which has been conducted by rotated host of respective jurisdictions every two years to promote cooperation, combat against and tackle cross-border crimes.
- Continuing to implement the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Office of the Supreme People's Prosecutor of the Lao PDR and the General Prosecution office to the Supreme Court of the Kingdom of Cambodia signed on 19 June 2014 in Phnom Penh until 2024.
- Organizing a seminar or conference to review the results of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the offices of the Prosecutor General of the two countries in 2024 and organizing Lao-Cambodian border's prosecutors conference in Cambodia.

### **III. Economic and Technical Cooperation**

#### **9. Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**

- Enhancing high-level exchanges in agriculture and encouraging the two Ministries of Agriculture to accelerate working toward the signing of MOU between the two Ministries of Agriculture and Forestry on a specific area for further cooperation in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, livestock; and the prevention and the control of illegal activities.
- Enhancing cooperation and exchanges between agricultural research institutions and personnel in rice, natural rubber, cassava and other crops and pest information sharing and managing. In addition, strengthening cooperation in human resource training and capacity building.
- Promoting trade in agricultural products, establishing platforms for qualified agricultural enterprises of both sides, and boosting agricultural trade cooperation. Enhancing investment cooperation in growing, processing, storage and logistics for crops like rice, corn, natural rubber, cassava, etc., as well as in livestock breeding and feedstuff processing and enhancing phytosanitary cooperation between NPPOs of both countries.
- Promoting joint measures to detect the Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) and alien invasive species and control their movements and risks.
- Maintaining communication, coordination and cooperation under multilateral mechanisms including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), and the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS), etc.
- Promoting crop seeds, including improving the effectiveness of seed sector institution and system, developing the seed industry between public and private sector, strengthening the capacity of the rice seed producer group, developing regulations and procedure for seed

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inspection and certification, and promoting investment from public institution and private sector.

#### **10. Environment and Hydro-meteorology Cooperation**

- Participating in implementation of all Rules and Water Utilization Procedure of MRC as stipulated in the Agreement on the Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin on 05 April 1995.
- Promoting sustainable development and cooperation in the Mekong River Basin.
- Establishing Cross Border Data/Information Sharing, Hydro-meteorology Monitoring and Flood Early Warning System for the Mekong and the Sekong Rivers of the Lao PDR and the Kingdom of Cambodia.
- Developing a shared data/information mechanism regarding biodiversity and ecosystem as well as their conservation and management.
- Building more climate resilience and increasing climate adaptation and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) measures to respond to climate change impacts.
- Enhancing high level exchanges in natural resources, environment, water resources and meteorology and encouraging the development of the Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) between Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Ministry of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia on Technical Cooperation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, Kingdom of Cambodia on Meteorology and Hydrology and Water Resources Management.

#### **11. Energy and Mines**

- Supporting the implementation of the MOU/the Agreement on Power Cooperation between the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia to ensure energy security and energy stability of both countries.
- Encouraging the establishment of the technical working taskforce between relevant agencies in both ministerial and utilities levels of the two countries to ensure the doable interconnection of high voltage power transmission lines completed in accordance with plan.
- Exploring joint cooperation on potential cross border geological study and mapping as well as encouraging the exchange of experiences and best practices on sustainable metallic mining industry.
- Further enhancing energy cooperation to ensure energy security and energy sustainability for the future, including other types of renewable energy e.g Wind, Solar, and Biomass of

both countries as well as sharing the knowledge through information exchange, capacity building programs and joint study research programs.

## **12. Public Works and Transportation**

- Expediting the arrangement of cross-border transport by private and public bus operators between the two countries, especially between Pakse-Phnom Penh and Pakse-Siem Reap and vice-versa. The arrangement details should be agreed upon by the competent authorities of both countries.
- Encouraging the national arrangement of cross-border of personal vehicles between the two countries.
- Cooperating with the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to accelerate the implementation of the MOU on Trilateral Road Transport between and among the Government of the Lao PDR, the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, which was signed on 17 January 2013 in Champasak Province, the Lao PDR.
- Expediting the construction of the border bridge crossing Selampao (Laos) /Tonle Ropou (Cambodia) at the earliest time possible for the promotion of trade, investment, tourism and people-to-people connectivity between the two countries.
- Strengthening cooperation between the two countries on the development of climate-resilient infrastructure and green transport along the border.

## **13. Post, Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**

- Effectively implementing the Agreement on the Finance Service between Enterprise des Postes Lao and the Cambodia Post and encouraging both companies to further promote such service to the public as stipulated in the Agreement.
- Conducting a feasibility study to establish the exchange of surface mails in the border areas in the near future.
- Accelerating efforts to sign the MOU on the Postal Services between the Enterprise des Postes Lao and the Cambodia Post at the earliest possible.
- Further strengthening the cooperation in the coordination and assignment of radio frequencies along the border areas in order to avoid the overlapping of frequency and frequency interference.
- Further strengthening of the multifaceted cooperation aimed to improve digital connectivity and applications, and explore new opportunities in both countries by using the existing telecommunications infrastructures, including the Laos' satellite (LAOSAT-1) and Cambodia's submarine cables.

- Further enhancing the ICT cooperation between the Ministry of Technology and Communications of Laos and the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia, particularly in the legal framework, applications of platforms, infrastructure, emerging digital technology and cyber security, and exchange of views and knowledge on advanced technology.
- Further enhancing the cooperation on digital transformation and digital government aim to strengthen institutional and capacity building through sharing information and best practices and exchange of knowledge on digital technology, that support digital economy and society join conducting workshop, forum and training on Digital Transformation, Digital Government, Digital Infrastructure and E-Service Platform.
- The cooperation between the Enterprise of Telecommunication Laos (ETL) and the Telecom Cambodia (TC) is the installation of the optical fiber link in the Lao-Cambodia area. Both sides will take further action to maintain and improve such cooperation in the future.
- The Enterprise of Telecommunication Laos (ETL) and the Telecom Cambodia (TC) discuss on the cooperation plan in the field of cross border telecommunication, such as International Private Leasing Circuit (IPLC), IP Transit and other service through the Lao-Cambodian border to China and other countries in the region to endorse the service based on mutual benefit.

#### **14. Industrial Cooperation**

- Continuing to amplify industrial cooperation in both agro-industry and high value-added industry including, electric and electronic, automobile assembly, garment and textiles and activity participating in large scale investment project impact evaluation to ensure sound investment project that benefit to the people and environment as well as natural resources sustainability.
- Promoting the engagement of linkage initiatives to enable MSMEs' readiness for integration into the global value chain. The two sides will strive on improving MSMEs productivity, high value added products/services and eco-innovation business models dedicated to serve tourism and export market through policy and regulatory support, technical skill development and advancement, access to finance, and market access while streamlining the ease-of-doing business, promote fair competition, information sharing and market consultation, network of entrepreneurs, and start-ups ecosystem including e-commerce for cross border trade cooperation.
- Strengthening standard, accreditation and metrology cooperation through experiences and information sharing, study visits, or training of trainers.

- Sharing good governance, policies, strategies and good practices for building production capacity and industrial development.

#### **15. Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation**

- Exchanging of scientific and technological information and documentation.
- Exploring cooperation opportunities in Science, Technology and Innovation, such as formulating joint research, conducting seminars, exchanging delegations, and other opportunities on mutual interest.

#### **16. Trade and Investment**

- Maintaining bilateral meetings and working at the Ministerial, technical and other levels, related to industrial, economic, trade and investment sectors.
- Creating a favorable environment for investors to promote investment inflows and outflows between the two countries.
- Effectively implementing the bilateral trade agreement between the two countries through the mechanism of the annual Joint Trade Commission (JTC) Meeting between the Lao PDR and the Kingdom of Cambodia, and organizing the Third Meeting of the JTC either physically or virtually in 2023 or on an agreed date to review, promote and boost two-way trade.
- Encouraging the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce to organize a business forum in order to exchange information and business operation procedures as well as to promote trade cooperation and business matching between the two countries.
- Encouraging more participation in trade fairs in both countries especially business matching between the southern provinces of the Lao PDR and the adjoining provinces of the Kingdom of Cambodia so as to increase trade of agricultural products among them.
- Encouraging investment flows between the two countries through continuous implementation of the Agreement on the Promotion and Protection of Investments between the Government of the Lao PDR and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, signed on 24 November 2008 in Vientiane, the Lao PDR.
- Enhancing development of border trade through the expansion of border markets to promote the potential products of neighboring provinces between Laos and Cambodia, particularly the handicraft products, One Province One Product, agricultural products and others.
- Encouraging consumer protection from the illegal trade in order to protect local consumers and producers as well as of local products of two countries.

- Promoting cooperation on the expansion of intellectual property protection, patents and innovation, copyrights, trademarks, business property rights and geographical indications.

## **17. Finance and Banking Cooperation**

- Effectively implementing the MOU between the Bank of the Lao PDR and the National Bank of Cambodia to further promote the exchange of visits and hold Annual Bilateral Meeting between the two Central Banks to share experiences and to exchange views on the current economic developments, monetary policy, banking regulations and supervision and the banking-finance situations of the two countries.
- Continuing the implementation of the Technical Cooperation Plan by holding seminars, workshops, training programs and study visits to exchange experiences between both Parties.
- Further promoting cooperation on Banknotes Printing Development by holding seminars, workshops, training programs and study visits to exchange experiences between the two central banks.
- Encouraging the implementation of the MOU on the Information Exchange Concerning Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing between the Anti-Money Laundering Intelligence Office, National Coordination Committee for Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism of the Lao PDR and the Cambodia Financial Intelligence Unit: CAFIU signed in Vientiane, the Lao PDR.
- Effectively implementing the MOU between the Bank of the Lao PDR and the National Bank of Cambodia to further enhance cooperation on financial innovations and payment system development including create a favourable cooperative regulatory and oversight framework, development of linkage in payment systems, data and information sharing, enhance secured and low-cost cross-border payment, remittance and settlement system; technical exchange and capacity building in payment system and financial innovation area.
- Accelerating effort to continue the negotiation of the Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on income in order to reach conclusion at the earliest possible.
- Enhancing the cooperation between the Lao Securities Commission Office (LSCO) and the Securities and Exchange Regulator of Cambodia (SERC) in terms of consultation and cooperation and the exchange of information under the framework of securities market development. Recently, LSCO and SERC are coordinating the preparation to sign the MOU on “The Exchange of Information and Capacity Building” in 2023. After the signing of the MOU, the two parties will prepare an action plan to implement the MOU. Also, both parties

already signed and implemented the Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MMOU) among CLMVT countries. In addition, under the scope of the ASEAN Capital Market Forum (ACMF), as the Co-chair of the ASEAN Capital Market Development Program (A-MDP), SERC has coordinated the request of LSCO to conduct a study visit and on-the-job training program in 2023 and 2024.

- Reviewing the renewal of the signed MOU between the Lao Securities Exchange (LSX) and the Cambodia Securities and Exchange (CSX) version 2016 in order to continue the cooperation on the securities market information, knowledge, and experiences exchange and investor education for developing securities market.

#### **18. Labour and Social Welfare**

- Encouraging the initial implementation of the MOU between the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of the Lao PDR and the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the Cooperation in the field of Labour, signed on 12 September 2019 in Phnom Penh, through the development of Action Plans.
- Encouraging the Initiative of Cooperation in the field of Social Security through signing the MOU in the near future.
- Promoting the exchange of visits and sharing experiences in the field of labour, vocational training and social security.
- Enhancing the cooperation in the field of social Welfare through formulating the MOU in the near future. Areas of cooperation include ageing, persons with disability, children and vulnerable people.

#### **IV. Socio-Cultural Cooperation**

##### **19. Education and Sports**

- Expediting the implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation in Education, signed on 15 December 2018 for the years 2019-2023.
- Maintaining the exchange of visits at ministerial, senior officials and technical levels from different departments, institutions, provincial education, youth and sport services in order to share experience.
- Further exchanging scholarships for 15 students, graduated from Upper Secondary School each year to study Literature and Language of each country at a mutually agreed convenient period of study and according to the curriculum and regulations of the institutions of receiving country. Other proposed fields of study shall be arranged accordingly through the Ministry of Education and Sports of the Lao PDR and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Kingdom of Cambodia, shall be subjected to the approval of both sides.

- Encouraging the Provincial Education and Sport Services of Champasak and Attapue of the Lao PDR and the Educational, Youth and Sport Service of Preah Vihear, Stung Treng and Rattanakiri Provinces of the Kingdom of Cambodia to exchange visits and share experiences.
- Collaborating on educational issues in international forum.
- Further discussing the renewal of the MOU on Sports Cooperation which was signed on 28 January 2008 for the period of 2008-2012 and 2012-2016.
- Both parties agreed to participate in the conferences, symposia, seminars, exhibitions, scientific meetings, and in national and international championships organized or hosted by the parties.

## **20. Information**

- Further promoting the implementation of the MOU on Cooperation in the Field of Information and Broadcasting between the two countries.
- Strengthening cooperation in personnel exchanges, news reports and news documentary program exchanges, technology industry, and human resource development in the field of radio and television, printed media and news media.
- Establishing a joint working group to exchange information to combat fake news.

## **21. Culture**

- Expediting the implementation of the MOU on Cooperation in the Field of Culture and Art for the years 2019-2021.
- Encouraging and supporting cultural organizations, art academies at various levels to carry out exchanges and cooperation, and further consolidating personnel exchanges.
- Preventing theft and illegal excavation as well as strengthening cooperation between the two countries in combating against Archaeological looting, smuggling, trafficking and illicit import-export of cultural properties.
- Actively encouraging exchanges and cooperation on cultural relics exhibition, museum management, joint archaeology research protection and preservation of historic monuments as well as personnel training on related skill.

## **22. Tourism**

- Further expanding the scale of two-way tourism by encouraging more promotion activities between the two countries.
- Finding better ways to increase the number of tourists through enhancing cooperation between authorities concerned.

- The two sides agreed to effectively implement the MOU on Tourism Cooperation between the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism of the Lao PDR and the Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia signed on 18 January 2022 and the kick-start of the first Lao PDR-Cambodia Joint Tourism Working Group Meeting was held on 3 November 2022 in Siem Reap, the Kingdom of Cambodia.
- Encouraging the implementation of the MOU on Tourism Cooperation between the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism of Laos and the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia, signed on 18 January 2022 and the Lao PDR-Cambodia Joint Action Plan on Tourism Cooperation 2023-2024.
- Cooperating to develop tourism routes/corridors to promote ancient capitals, cultural heritage sites, Gastronomy Tourism, and FAM trip, as well as Buddhist trails between the two countries.
- Further facilitating cross-border travel by reducing unnecessary barriers.
- Supporting each other in preparing and seeking fund for tourism development projects under sub-regional cooperation namely, ACMECS, CLMV, CLV and GMS and participating in tourism events and related activities organized by each country.
- Establishing the working group on tourism between the two countries.
- Organizing capacity building workshops for tourism officials and tour operators along the border of the two countries.
- Organizing various tourism events and festivals in the provinces along the border to enhance people-to-people connectivity, cultural exchange and investment.
- Strengthening cooperation between tourism departments bordering the two countries through information sharing.

### **23. Civil Aviation**

- Strengthening civil aviation cooperation on safety, security and airway development as well as increasing direct flights between the two countries.
- Supporting human resource development between the two countries through exchange programmes, trainings and on job trainings in the area of civil aviation.
- Exchange views and lessons of Law on Civil Aviation and Regulations on Air Transport Management and other related matters.

### **24. Public Health**

- Further promoting the exchange of visits at all levels and the continued exchange of knowledge and experience, which have contributed to further enhancing cooperation and understanding in the field of public health.

- Strengthening Cross Border Diseases Surveillance and conducting Joint Simulation Exercise to Strength Capacity of Rapid Response Team in Local Level.
- Conducting Join Development of SOP for Screening at Check Point of the Ports of Entry.
- Reviewing and revising the MOU on the Bilateral Cooperation.

## **25. Cooperation between Capital Cities/Provinces**

- Continuing the ongoing implementation of the Agreement on Sister-City Relationship between Vientiane Capital City of the Lao PDR and Phnom Penh Capital City of the Kingdom of Cambodia; and between Champasak Province and Siem Reap Province.
- Encouraging the border provinces and local councils of the two countries to further strengthen their cooperation and promote mutual understanding.
- Promoting sustainable cities, ASEAN environmentally sustainable cities and smart city between the two countries through knowledge and experiences sharing and encouraging private sector to do green investment in cities and towns.

## **26. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management**

- Strengthening cooperation in disaster risk management to enhance disaster awareness in disaster risk reduction, mitigation, preparation and response.
- Increasing climate adaptation, mitigation and climate change response.

## **V. Multilateral Cooperation**

### **a. The United Nations**

- Promoting close cooperation and collaboration under the frameworks of the United Nations between the two countries based on mutual respect and support for the common interests.

### **b. ASEAN**

- Upholding the ASEAN Charter and ASEAN motto of One Vision, One Identity, One Community to maintain and enhance peace, stability, security and prosperity in the region.

### **c. Mekong sub-regional cooperation**

- Continuing cooperation in sub-regional and regional mechanisms towards sustainable and comprehensive economic integration and connectivity through the implementation of the Action Plan for Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam Economic Connectivity up to 2030, the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Master Plan 2019-2023 and the other Mekong Sub-Regional Frameworks.
- Deepening coordination and cooperation within other existing sub-regional cooperation mechanisms including Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam Economic Cooperation (CLMV), Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam Development Triangle Area (CLV DTA),

MekongRiver Commission (MRC), Friends of the Mekong (FLM), Mekong-US Partnership, Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC), Mekong-Japan Cooperation (MJC), Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation, and Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC).

## **B. Implementation Mechanism**

Relevant ministries and authorities of the Lao PDR and the Kingdom of Cambodia shall take concrete measures for the implementation of this Action Plan according to their own capacity.

The two sides set up a working mechanism for the Action Plan of the Comprehensive and Long-Lasting Strategic Partnership headed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of each country respectively, which are in charge of following-up assessment, information exchanges, supervision and implementation, publicity as well as recommending methods and new areas for further cooperation, and reporting to their respective governments on progress of cooperation.

The persons in charge of the working mechanisms of the two sides shall conduct friendly consultations on the problems encountered, sum up the implementation of the Action Plan and report to relevant authorities of each country.

This Action Plan takes effect from the date of signature and valid for five years. After its expiration, the two sides would consider formulating a new action plan.

Both parties may propose to modify or add to the contents of this plan. Modifications or additions agreed by both parties will take effect on the date of mutual consent.

Done at Vientiane capital, on 13 February 2023, in two original copies in English.

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