

Cambodia to Host the Sixth General Assembly of the ICAPP

On 01 March 2010, upon his arrival from attending the Standing Committee Meeting of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) in Nepal, **H.E. Dr. Sok An**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in Charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, at the Phnom Penh International Airport, told reporters that Cambodia would be hosting the Sixth General Assembly of the ICAPP in Phnom Penh in December 2010.

H.E. Dr. Sok An, who had attended the 12th Standing Committee Meeting of the ICAPP held from 26-28 February 2010 in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, said that the meeting was an important event attended by 263 political parties in Asia which have seats in their own respective national parliaments. The meeting's agenda focused on how to make the Asian region stable, peaceful, and developed in the framework of the whole region.

ICAPP was established in the Philippines in 2000 with the objectives to enhance political stability and peace in Asia and to establish an Asian Community for the sake of peace building, development and poverty reduction, which are all the issues mainly targeted by the ICAPP.

H.E. Dr. Sok An also said that there are 18 member countries in the Standing Committee of the ICAPP, and that the ICAPP's General Assembly is convened in every two years. The first General Assembly was held in the Philippines, the second one was in Thailand, the third one in China, the fourth one in Korea, the fifth one in Kazakhstan, and the sixth one to be held in the Capital City of Phnom Penh.

The Deputy Prime Minister added that in the interval between the Standing Committee Meeting, there were seminars focusing on a number of key subjects. The 12th Standing Committee Meeting in Nepal was attended by delegations from 18 countries, excluding those from Australia, Azerbaijan, and Bahrain.

At the 12th Meeting, the Standing Committee adopted on the following points:

- 1- Supports the national reconciliation process in Nepal.
- 2- Reaffirms her position in solving conflicts through negotiation and condemns any acts of violence.
- 3- Agrees that Phnom Penh, Capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia, would be the venue for organizing the General Assembly which is scheduled in December 2010. "This is a very important event in which at least 100 political parties attend the General Assembly. This also shows the Cambodia's prestige under the wise leadership of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**," **H.E. Dr. Sok An** said.
- 4- Agrees on the proposed meeting which is scheduled to be held in China with topic focusing on "poverty reduction". This meeting will be held in Kunming and to finish in Beijing for a period of 1 week.
- 5- Agrees that the 13th Standing Committee meeting would be held in China, the 14th one will be in Phnom Penh, while South Korea will host the 15th. The 16th, 17th, and 18th ones will be held in Malaysia, Russia and Bahrain respectively.
- 6- Agrees on having the mixed-working group meeting between ICAPP and APP to be convened in the near future in Indonesia.

- 7- Agrees that there would be a tripartite meeting among Political Parties in Asia, Latin America and in Africa, to be held in one of the African countries.

H.E. Dr. Sok An said that Nepalese Prime Minister **H.E. Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal** intended to invite **Samdech Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia to visit Nepal at his convenience.

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