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"The State of Preparations for the 6th General Assembly"

- *Honorable Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee,*
- *Honorable guests and distinguished participants,*

Today, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), I have the honor to report to you on the progress of our preparations for the above-mentioned Assembly.

As you may be aware, as per resolution of the 12th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in February 2010, the Cambodian People's Party, in collaboration with the FUNCINPEC Party, will host the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP under the theme of *"Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow" with special emphasis on economy, energy and environment.* The General Assembly is to be organized in Phnom Penh from 1 to 4 December 2010 during which period the 10th anniversary of the ICAPP will also be celebrated.

However, before touching on the details of our preparations, I would like to recall that we started the process of our bid for hosting such an important Assembly during the visit of Honorable Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Secretary General, to Cambodia from 28 to 31 January 2010. Following the decision of the ICAPP Standing Committee made in Kathmandu and in close consultation with the ICAPP Secretariat, Honorable Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of Pakistan League paid a visit to Cambodia from 7 to 10 April 2010 and held consultation with us so as to kick start the preparations. During his visit, Honorable Mushahid Hussain Sayed had kindly confirmed his agreement to Chair the Drafting Committee of the 6th General Assembly.

Subsequently, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN sent letters dated May 27 in his capacity as Vice President of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and dated May 31, 2010 in his capacity as Head of the Royal Government of Cambodia to Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP to officially confirm the Government's support for hosting the 6th General Assembly in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Concurrently, the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly was formally established on May 31, 2010. The Committee with 31 members is headed by myself and it has one Secretariat and three Sub-Commissions (Logistics and Hospitality, Document and Research, and Security and Safety). FUNCINPEC Party has been requested to assign her representative to participate in the Committee as vice-chairman. Since its inception, the Committee met twice on June 6 and July 1, 2010 and had discussed the detailed preparations for the 6th General Assembly.

Moreover, Honorable Jose de Venecia, Honorable Chung Eui-yong, and Honorable Mushahid Hussain Sayed visited Phnom Penh from 3 to 7 July 2010 during which period we had held extensive discussion and consultation on the tentative program, the preparation of the background documents, protocol, and logistical arrangements for the forthcoming Assembly and the ICAPP 10th Anniversary.

More specially, the progress of the preparations for the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP and its sideline events is as follows:

Tentative Program for the 6th General Assembly and its Sideline Events

1. The whole program for the 6th General Assembly and its sideline events is scheduled to take place from the afternoon of December 1 to the afternoon of December 4, 2010.

2. The 14th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee would be convened on the eve of the 6th General Assembly. The Meeting will be chaired by Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP. The meeting is to adopt the agenda of the General Assembly and to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Bureau of the 6th General Assembly. It is understood that the Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP wish to nominate Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Vice President of the CPP, as Chairman of the 6th General Assembly. Six dignitaries will be elected as Vice-Chairmen of the Assembly at the same occasion.

3. Samdech Techo HUN SEN will open the 6th General Assembly, on December 2 at 09:00hrs, in his capacity as Chairman of the General Assembly.

4. It is agreed that Special Workshops on *"Women Politicians"* and *"Young Political Leaders"* will be held in parallel with the 2nd Session between ICAPP Standing Committee and COPPPAL Coordinating Body, in the afternoon of December 2.

5. Only ICAPP Standing Committee Members will attend the 2nd Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and COPPPAL Coordinating Body. ICAPP Secretariat will prepare content of the meeting and invite participants to the Session. Organizing Committee will handle the ground works (hotel accommodation and other logistics).

6. H.E. Say Chhum, Chairman of the Permanent Committee, will host lunch on December 2 on behalf of CPP. FUNCINPEC Party will host the luncheon on December 3. Farewell dinner reception will be hosted by Honorable Co-Chairmen Jose de Venecia and Chung Eui-yong on December 3.

7. The draft of *"Phnom Penh Declaration"* will be presented to the Standing Committee Members prior to the 14th Meeting. The draft document will then be made available to the Assembly's participants before the end of the first day of the General Assembly (December 2) and all delegations will be asked to provide written comments to the Drafting Committee in the morning of December 3.

8. Documents on *"Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow," "Women Politicians"* and *"Young Political Leaders"* will be jointly prepared by the Organizing Committee and the Drafting Committee for circulation to the invited political parties. These documents will be used as background papers for the General Assembly and the two special workshops.

9. During the Closing Ceremony, on December 3, *"Phnom Penh Declaration"* will be read by the Secretariat of the Organizing Committee followed by remarks of Hon. Chung Eui-yong announcing new list of Standing Committee Members and the closing remarks of Chairman of the Organizing Committee. Press Conference will be conducted upon closing of the General Assembly.

Special Program to Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the ICAPP

10. The 10th Anniversary of the ICAPP will be celebrated at the Gala Dinner on December 2 which is to be hosted by Samdech Techo HUN SEN. It is suggested that founding members and former members of the ICAPP Standing Committee be invited to join the General Assembly and particularly in the 10th Anniversary Ceremony. Similarly, the Organizing Committee recommends the ICAPP Secretariat to extend special invitations to heads of states and governments who have been involved in the ICAPP and other dignitaries may be recommended by the ICAPP Standing Committee.

11. Some founding members and VVIPs may be invited to make a brief toast at the 10th Anniversary. Chairman of the Organizing Committee and the ICAPP Secretary General will announce Medal Awards for the dignitaries at the same Ceremony.

12. During Gala Dinner with the 10th Anniversary Celebration, cultural shows of the performance teams from various countries in the region will be conducted so as to show the diversity of Asian culture. The whole event will take place at the magnificent Mekong's riverbank on the Diamond Island City.

Other Logistics

13. The General Assembly and its sideline events will take place at Diamond Island City on December 2 and 3. All ICAPP Standing Committee Members and other VVIPs will be accommodated at Cambodiana Hotel. While, the other delegates will be respectively accommodated at Naga World Hotel. The Organizing Committee shall accommodate two rooms for each delegation. Moreover, airport transfer and convenient local transportation will be provided to all participants of the General Assembly.

14. Special immigration lane for ICAPP delegates will be arranged in Phnom Penh International Airport for facilitating the immigration process. Upon the request of the Organizing Committee, the Royal Government of Cambodia has confirmed her agreement to grant visa fee exemption for all General Assembly's participants.

15. Chartered flights will be arranged by the Organizing Committee and provided by the Royal Government of Cambodia for a special tour to Angkor Wat on December 4. Leaders and members of the delegation will be requested to confirm their participation in the special tour by filling out registration form.

16. Through the coordination of the Organizing Committee, safety and security of the delegates will be provided by the Royal Government of Cambodia.

Honorable members of the ICAPP, we expect that the 6th General Assembly will be the largest gartering in the ICAPP history during which period we will also commemorate the 10th Anniversary. Therefore, in order to mark significant progress of the ICAPP, the Organizing Committee and ICAPP Secretariat are expecting the participation of the Secretary General of the United Nations, in the Opening Ceremony of the 6th General Assembly and the 10th Anniversary Ceremony.

Likewise, we wish to invite you all to the aforementioned General Assembly. We hope that you will schedule your arrival in Phnom Penh that allows you to be able to participate in the welcoming dinner reception which is scheduled to take place in the evening of December 1.

On behalf of the Cambodian People's Party and in my capacity as Chairman of the Organizing Committee, I would like to assure you that, in close consultation with the ICAPP Secretariat, we will try our best to advance the progress of our preparations, in terms of both content and logistics, so as to make sure that the General Assembly will be held in a successful manner.

Thank you.