

WELCOME REMARKS

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Theme "Acting Together towards Breaking the Chain and Eradication of Online Scams"

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- My highest respect and profound homage to **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.**
 - Excellencies, Deputy Prime Ministers, Senior Ministers, Ministers.
 - Excellencies, Esteemed Delegations, and Representative of International Organizations
 - Excellencies Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic Missions.
 - Excellencies, Louk Neak Oknha, Neak Oknha, Oknha, Ladies and Gentlemen, esteemed national and international guests, members of the press—a warm greeting to you all!"
1. On behalf of the Organizing Committee for the International Conference on Combating Online Scams, I would like to extend my profound respects to **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia**, who has graciously honored us by presiding over the opening ceremony of this international conference.
 2. I would like to extend my warmest welcome to the esteemed high level-delegations from various countries, representatives of International Organizations, Excellencies, Ambassadors and Head of Diplomatic Missions, and ladies and gentlemen, who have joined us for this international conference on combating online scams under the theme: ***"Acting Together towards Breaking the Chain and Eradication of Online Scams"***.
Online scams, or online frauds, are a new form of fraud committed through the use of technology. They are complex, have serious impacts, and are rapidly evolving globally. These crimes are committed in the form of transnational crime or through organized criminal networks, whereby offenders use locations in one country to defraud victims in many other countries. Cambodia is not the origin of online scams; however, Cambodia has been selected as one of the locations among other countries that are exploited to conduct scam activities. Foreign transnational criminal networks have used Cambodian territory to conduct online scams against victims in other countries, including Cambodian citizens as well. The negative impacts have been felt across all sectors, including national security and public order, tourism, investment, and the overall economy, as well as Cambodia's reputation, image, and dignity on the international stage. Those involved in these online scam operations come from different places, while the losses resulting from these operations have fallen on Cambodia as a victim country.
 3. Allow me to highlight to this conference that, in the present context, the international security landscape is becoming increasingly complex, vulnerable, rapidly changing, interconnected, and highly unpredictable. Against this backdrop, online scams represent

the non-traditional security threats that have evolved into complex transnational criminal networks. Online scam crimes are no longer isolated phenomena but part of an enormous criminal networks that is frequently intertwined with other crimes, including human trafficking, forced labor, money laundering, and other forms of transnational organized crime. These issues are all transnational in nature, rapidly evolving and beyond any single state's capability to address effectively on its own.

4. Recognizing the aforementioned issues, the Royal Government of Cambodia under the wise leadership of **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia**, has taken initiative to host and take the lead in organizing this international conference, with the co-sponsorship and supports from international partners. This International Conference demonstrates Cambodian government's commitment and political will, as well as the results of its campaign to cleanup online scams with zero tolerance, without retreat, and opening to international cooperation.
5. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all international partners for their cooperation with Cambodia in sharing information, supporting research, investigation, forensic analysis, and building capacity as well as facilitating the return of their respective nationals. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to three international organizations for their cooperation in co-sponsoring this conference, namely the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific (UNODC-ROSEAP), and the Lancang-Mekong Integrated Law Enforcement and Security Cooperation Center (LMLECC). I would also like to express my appreciation for the participation of delegations from 27 countries, 6 International organizations, bringing the total to approximately 500 participants.
6. The conference is organized with the objective of providing a platform for dialogue, partnership building, and collective action among governments, international organizations, law enforcement agencies, financial institutions, technology companies, academia and other relevant stakeholders.
7. This conference aims to:
 - (1) Deepen our understanding of the evolving and complex ecosystem of online scam networks;
 - (2) Strengthen international cooperation, coordination, cooperation in information sharing, mutual technical support, and multilateral partnerships in combating online scams; and
 - (3) Promote the exchange of experiences and best practices and encourage collective action to combat online scams.
8. This conference will feature a High-Level Session and three panel discussions with the participation of senior technical officials and experts with extensive experience in combating online scams. The three panel discussions topics are as follows:
 - (1) Regional and Global Responses to Online Scams
 - (2) Technology, Prevention, and Cyber Resilience
 - (3) Countries' Efforts in Combating Online Scams: Progress, Challenges, and the Way Forward
9. Moreover, as the host country, Cambodia hopes that this conference will adopt a Joint Declaration outlining our joint commitment to combating online scams and providing a

framework for strengthening international cooperation, information sharing, capacity building, prevention, law enforcement, victim protection, and coordinated responses to online scams crimes.

Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegate, Ladies and Gentlemen!

10. Online Scam crimes are occurring across the globe and throughout the region. Therefore, only through our collective efforts can we prevent, disrupt, and eradicate this transnational criminal network. Cambodia stands ready to fulfill its duties and provide full cooperation as a partner with all countries and institutions, based on the principle of mutual respect, sovereignty, and compliance with national laws.
11. Before I conclude, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, for taking your valuable time to travel to Phnom Penh to participate in this important event and to share your perspectives and experiences in this conference.

Thank you!