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**Press Release**

**His Excellency Prak Sokhonn**, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and **His Excellency Xiong Bo**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Cambodia, will sign on 21 December 2017 at 10 am at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Agreement on the Cooperation on Projects of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund with total budget of **USD 7,315,908** for the implementation of 16 Cambodian Projects for the first batch of projects.

It should be noted that under the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund framework, the following 16 Cambodian Projects have been approved during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 15 December 2017 in Dali, China.

1. Buddhist Development Program of Cooperation and workshop on effectiveness of Management of Theravada Buddhism in the countries along Mekong River;
2. Lancang-Mekong Training-of-Trainers (TOT) Workshop and Publication of the ASEAN Community-Based Tourism (CBT) Standards;
3. Addressing Land Degradation and Improving Local Livelihoods through Sustainable Land Management;
4. Forest Restoration and Promotion of Sustainable Forest Use in Southeast Asia;
5. Promoting an Effective Regional Strategy for Combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregistered (IUU) Fishing in the Mekong Countries for Sustainable Fisheries Management in the Mekong Region;
6. Mekong-Lancang ICT Volunteer;
7. Air Connectivity Enhancement Study in Cambodia-Lao, Myanmar and China;

8. Enhancing Research and Dialogue on Contract Farming in Lancang-Mekong Countries;
9. Integrated Community Development Along Mekong River;
10. Poverty Reduction through Rural Economic Development in Cambodia;
11. The Lancang-Mekong Symposium on Small and Medium Cultural Enterprises (SMCEs);
12. Preventing the theft, clandestine excavation, illicit import and export of Cultural Property through Lancang-Mekong Region;
13. Water quality monitoring system at Mekong mainstream and information center installation;
14. Joint research and technology development in the risk evaluation, monitoring and early-warning of the three typical vector-borne tropical diseases, namely dengue, schistosomiasis and angiostrongylosis in Cambodia;
15. Enhancing China-Mekong Research and Policy Dialogue Program; and
16. Supporting Program for Scholarship Opportunities to Poor Students to Study in the Field of Science and Technology in China. ៖

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