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AUSTRALIA SUPPORTS THE CAMBODIA'S GOVERNMENT-PRIVATE SECTOR FORUM

Today Australia reiterated its support to Cambodia's Government-Private Sector Forum (G-PSF) when representatives from the Australian Embassy met with officials of the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC) and the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce (CCC) who serve as the public and private secretariats of the G-PSF, respectively.

At this meeting, Australia recognised the importance of open dialogue between the public and private sector and reiterated its commitment to supporting the G-PSF as the primary platform for facilitating this dialogue.

The G-PSF was established in 1999 and received support from the Australian Government from 2002 to 2009, during which time it was recognised as a global leader in public-private dialogue best practice. Since then, the G-PSF has expanded from 6 to 14 working groups, illustrating the importance of private sector dialogue to improve the business enabling environment.

Australian Ambassador to Cambodia Justin Whyatt said, "Cambodia's private sector has great potential to support Cambodia's economic development. The G-PSF is a valuable tool for unlocking this capacity and potential by fostering close cooperation between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Working Groups to address private sector challenges."

Australia's support is being delivered through its flagship economic development program, the Cambodia Australia Partnership for Resilient Economic Development (CAPRED). CAPRED is providing technical support to build best practice approaches and ensure inclusive participation in the G-PSF.

The 19th G-PSF plenary meeting will be held on 13 November 2023 at the Peace Palace, led by Prime Minister Hun Manet.

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