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### **Ceremony for the Handover and Adoption of the Road and Bridge Specifications Phase 1, and Launch of Phase 2 Technical Assistance**

Yesterday, the Ministry of Public Works and Transport and Australia, through the Partnerships for Infrastructure program, hosted a Ceremony for the Handover and Adoption of the Road and Bridge Specifications Phase 1, and Launch of Phase 2 Technical Assistance. The event was presided over by His Excellency Peng Ponea, Minister of Public Works and Transport, and His Excellency Derek Yip, Australian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The event officially launched the updated roads and bridge design specifications, a joint effort between Cambodia and Australia in modernising Cambodia's twenty-year old standards to address infrastructure needs.

This initiative represents a deepening of the relationship between Cambodia and Australia, reflecting Cambodia's commitment to diverse international partnerships and delivering strong outcomes for Cambodians across the country.

During the event, His Excellency Peng Ponea, Minister of Public Works and Transport said, "These technical specifications supported by Australia is another chapter of assistance contributing to the development of roads and bridges in Cambodia. These updated specifications, coupled with the capacity-building program, will enable us to construct safer, more resilient, and more sustainable infrastructure that meets the needs of our people."

His Excellency Derek Yip reiterated Australia's commitment to supporting Cambodia's development goals. "This partnership exemplifies the strong bond between our two nations," he added. "We are proud to support Cambodia in building a fit-for-purpose infrastructure system that contributes to economic growth, social inclusion, and climate resilience."

The handover also marked the launch of the second phase of Australia's support, focused on building the capacity of Cambodian engineers and officials to effectively implement the new specifications. Through a series of workshops, training programs, and knowledge-sharing initiatives, the program will empower the Cambodian workforce to translate these standards into tangible improvements on the ground.

#### **About [Partnerships for Infrastructure \(P4I\)](#)**

P4I is an Australian Government initiative supporting sustainable and inclusive infrastructure development in Southeast Asia.

#### **About [Austroads](#)**

Austroads is the association of Australian road transport and traffic agencies.

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