

His Excellency Samdech Hun Sen,

Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia

Phnom Penh

I am happy to learn of Your Excellency's election as the Prime Minister of the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia. I would like to extend, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China and also in my own name, warm congratulations to Your Excellency and to the Royal Government of Cambodia.

China and Cambodia are friendly and close neighbors and our two peoples enjoy a profound and traditional friendship. To steadily consolidate and develop the traditional friendship as well as good-neighborly relations and friendly cooperation between China and Cambodia serves the fundamental interests of the two countries and the shared aspiration of the two peoples. The Chinese Government is ready to work with the Royal Government of Cambodia in order to bring a closer and more stable relationship between China and Cambodia into the 21st century.

I sincerely hope that under the leadership of His Majesty King Sihanouk, the Cambodian people will work together in unity and build Cambodia into a country of peace, stability and prosperity at an early date.

Zhu Rongji

Premier of the State Council of
the People's Republic of China

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