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The First Conference
THE FUTURE OF CAMBODIA WITHOUT GENOCIDE:
PREVENTION AND RESPONSE THROUGH EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE

Closing Remarks

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- Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, President of Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and President of Supreme Privy Council to His Majesty the King Norodom Sihamoni,
- His Excellency and Her Excellency members of the Senate, the National Assembly and Government Officials,
- Her Excellency Mrs. Alice Wairimu Nderitu, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide,
- Her Excellency Dr. Beth Van Schaack, the United States Ambassador-at-large for Global Criminal Justice,
- His Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, Ladies and Gentlemen,
- Oum, Pou Ming, the Survivors of Khmer Rouge Genocide and beloved youths!

As we close the “The Future of Cambodia Without Genocide” Conference, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to those who made this conference possible.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to His Majesty the King, Her Majesty the Queen Mother, Samdech Mohabovor Thipdei Hun Manet, Samdech Akeakmohasenapadey Techo Hun Sen, and the entire Royal Government of Cambodia including military and police. The United States Agency for International Development has provided steadfast support to DC-Cam and the success of this conference is just one illustration of the importance of USAID’s commitment to Cambodia. This conference would not have been possible without all of this support.

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This conference is just one step forward in realizing a Future Cambodia Without Genocide. This conference begins the task of establishing a transnational community of experts in human rights and genocide prevention. I look forward to working together to build an enduring peace in Cambodia and beyond through future conferences. Again, I want to thank the Royal Government of Cambodia, USAID, and all of you for taking time to participate in this important event. Thank you for making this conference a success.



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'...a society cannot know itself if it does not have an accurate memory of its own history.'

— SINCE 1995 —