

**2016 Cambodia Outlook Conference:
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***‘Getting Things Moving – Regional and National Infrastructure and Logistics for
Connectivity, Growth and Development’***

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Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Prime Minister**

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Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, it is my pleasure, as Chair of the Board of Directors of CDRI, to warmly welcome you to the 2016 Cambodia Outlook Conference, organised by CDRI and ANZ Royal Bank, and to have the great honour to introduce our opening keynote speaker, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN. We are deeply grateful to the prime minister for his continuing strong support for our annual Outlook Conference, especially on this our 10th anniversary, and for the value he places on CDRI’s independent development policy research work. We are also grateful to the fine partnership and ongoing commitment we enjoy with ANZ Royal Bank, and express our appreciation to ANZ Royal Chief Executive Officer, Mr Grant Knuckey, for his support and active involvement. This year we also received support from Manulife.

This is the tenth annual Outlook Conference, organised by CDRI and ANZ Royal Bank, this year on the theme “Getting Things Moving – Regional and National Infrastructure and Logistics for Connectivity, Growth and Development”. Again it brings together leaders from across Cambodian public life to consider Cambodia’s achievements, to share ideas and discuss strategies for Cambodia’s future development and prosperity, and to generate specific policy recommendations for action.

This year’s conference comes at a particularly important time as we have achieved ASEAN Economic Community 2015 but with much still to be done to maximise the opportunities and benefits it brings for Cambodia. We

again focus on key issues that will shape Cambodia's prospects for a prosperous future – what needs to be done to meet the challenges we face in enhancing and harnessing regional and national infrastructure and logistics for connectivity, growth and industrial development; who are the major players and what are the major issues we need to manage in its planning, implementation and regulatory framework; and what are the key factors that will determine our success in working together to achieve these national goals. This morning we look forward to hearing Samdech Prime Minister's vision on these important matters.

During today's interactive discussion we hope to contribute to policy debate and recommendations on some key questions:

- What type of infrastructure, transport and logistics systems will best serve Cambodia's development goals?**
- What are the most effective mechanisms to improve coordination and cooperation in achieving successful outcomes?**
- Is the creation of a National Transport and Logistics Taskforce a useful and feasible mechanism for improving policy coherence and coordination in achieving national goals?**
- How can we best utilise the new Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the Silk Road Fund along with existing partnerships with other multilateral organisations?**

However, to guide us in our discussions this morning we are privileged to have the insights of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia. It is now my great honour and pleasure, on behalf of CDRI and ANZ Royal, to invite him to deliver the opening keynote address of the 2016 Cambodia Outlook Conference. Thank you.