

# **2017 Cambodia Outlook Conference**

**A Partnership of CDRI and ANZ Royal**

**‘Moving up the Value Chains for Industrialization, Digitisation, 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 Chairman of the Board of Directors of CDRI, to warmly welcome you to the 2017 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, 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 **Dr. Leonie Lethbridge**.

This is the **eleventh** annual Outlook Conference, organised by CDRI and ANZ Royal Bank, this year on the theme **“Moving up the Value Chains for Industrialization, Digitisation, 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 is focused on key issues that will shape Cambodia's industrialization path and growth prospects for a prosperous And we look forward to hearing this morning from the Prime Minister his vision on these matters.

**Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Prime Minister**, Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, the Outlook Conference uses the slogan, "**Accelerating Cambodia's Economic Advantage**" as it captures the reality that the success of Cambodia's future development and shared prosperity depends on the ability to plug into and move up value chains based on Cambodia's economic advantage and socio-economic development status. It also depends on collaboration, commitment, and industry of many of the people in this room working together to meet both the opportunities and challenges that Cambodia currently faces.

This morning, to inform and stimulate our ideas, and to provide a context for our discussions, 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 2017 Cambodia Outlook Conference.

Thank you.