

Ministerial Meeting
For the preparation of the 3rd MRC Summit - Joint Session with
Dialogue Partners, Development Partners and Other Partners
Mekong River Commission
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Closing Address by
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Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have now come to the end of our meeting, with a great many fruitful results. I am pleased to have witnessed the active and open dialogue exchanged during this gathering. This attests to our Mekong Spirit.

Now, before we close, I would like to express my appreciation to all the distinguished Members of the Council, our Delegates, Dialogue Partners and Development Partners for all the valuable inputs you have contributed to our discussions over the course of the session.

I am of the view that all our thoughts and attention to these important matters of cooperation are useful for the preparation and discussions at the 3rd MRC Summit tomorrow. These are significant as the Heads of MRC Governments will revisit and reaffirm their political commitment to the goal of sustainable development and management of water and related resources of the Mekong River and reset corresponding strategic priorities for the next four years until the 4th Summit to be held in Lao PDR.

I sincerely hope that we keep up this good work up as we continue our journey together.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our Cambodian Organizing Committee and the MRC Secretariat for all the excellent arrangements and warm hospitality extended to all the delegates. I would also like to thank all of you for your commitment to participating and contributing actively to our meeting.

That said, I would like to declare this Ministerial Meeting for the 3rd MRC Summit closed. And I wish you all a pleasant stay in Siem Reap.

Thank you.