

**Agreement**  
**on the Cooperation Projects of the**  
**Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund**



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Cambodian side" and "the Chinese side" respectively, or "the two sides" together),

In order to specify the rules for the management of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund), increase the efficiency of the Fund, and facilitate concrete results of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation, the two sides, after friendly consultations, have reached agreement on the management of projects under the Fund and the use of its funds as follows:

**Article I**  
**Basic Principles**

- 1) Focus on the goal of building a community with a shared future of peace and prosperity among Mekong-Lancang countries;
- 2) Follow the spirit of consultation, coordination, joint contribution and shared benefits;
- 3) Respect the laws and regulations of China and Cambodia;
- 4) Conduct joint supervision over the projects and funds under the Fund.

**Article II**  
**Confirmation of Funds and Projects**

Relevant departments of the Chinese government, following relevant laws and regulations and the Application Procedures of Foreign Projects for the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund and in accordance with international practices and standards, have reviewed and approved the annual Fund projects (2021) proposed by the Cambodian side. The approved projects and their estimated budgets are as follows:

No.	Project	Implementing/ Applying Agency	Estimated Budget (USD)
1	Capacity Development for Economic Diplomacy in Post-Covid Era	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	424,000.00
2	LMC Diplomats: Revitalizing Multilateralism for Shared Growth	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	313,400.00
3	Rural Economic Diversification for Low-income Farmers in Kirivong District, Takeo Province, Cambodia	Ministry of Rural Development	420,000.00
4	Shared Water Supply for Shared Future in Takeo, Cambodia	Ministry of Rural Development	453,000.00
5	Enhancing Services related to Investment and Trade Facilitation contributing to the Promotion of Cross-Border Economic Cooperation	Council for the Development of Cambodia	404,000.00
6	Contributing to the Mitigation of the Impact of Dengue, COVID-19 and other Parasitic Diseases in the Provinces of Battambang, Oddar Meanchey, and Takeo Bordering to Thailand and Viet Nam in 2021	Ministry of Health	266,300.00
7	The 6 Pillars of the Mekong – TV Series	Ministry of Information	269,900.00
8	Post COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Program: Upskilling LMC Tourism Professionals	Ministry of Tourism	441,700.00
9	Enhancing the Natural Resource Management of Cambodia Ramsar Site and Promoting the Regional Cooperation on Wetlands Conservation in Lancang-Mekong River	Ministry of Environment	211,500.00

10	Mainstreaming Gender in Climate Action: Strengthening Poor Rural Women's Adaptive Capacity and Resilience through Livelihood Enhancement and Improved Access to WASH	Ministry of Women's Affairs	324,000.00
11	Technical Sharing of Data Collection for the Cambodian Irrigation Schemes Information System (CISIS)	Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology	601,000.00
12	Demonstration Construction of Science and Technology Capacity Improvement of Water Resources in Cambodia	Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology	431,100.00
<b>Total (12 projects)</b>			<b>4,559,900.00</b>

**Article III  
Fund Allocation and Management**

1) The Chinese side shall, within 20 working days after the signing of this Agreement, pay in full to the account designated by the Cambodian side:

Account Name: Fund of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation

Account Number: 000000017030

Bank: The National Bank of Cambodia

Address of the Bank: No. 88, Street 102 Corner Street 19, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh

2) The Cambodian side shall confirm the receipt of the payment through an exchange of diplomatic notes or other written forms within 10 working days upon receipt.

3) The project implementing agency shall properly use relevant funds according to the proposed budget and implementation plan of the approved project.

**Article IV**  
**Management of Project Implementation**

- 1) The Cambodian side, as the lead agency for project management, shall fully leverage its role in overall coordination.
- 2) The Cambodian side shall take necessary and appropriate measures to identify the responsibilities of the project implementing agency, provide guidance to and urge the project implementing agency to implement the project in accordance with the plan, timeline and budget of the project.
- 3) The Cambodian side shall inform the Chinese side of any major change in the implementation of the project in a timely manner. The two sides shall discuss follow-up measures through consultation.
- 4) The Cambodian side shall require the project implementing agency to provide updates on the implementation of the project (including the rate of progress, the completion of project goals set for different phases and the utilization of funds), and inform the Chinese side of the progress in a timely manner.

**Article V**  
**Supervision and Inspection**

- 1) The Cambodian side shall provide guidance to and supervise the project implementing agency's self-inspection of the rate of progress, the effectiveness of implementation and the compliance of the use of funds and inform the Chinese side of relevant progress in a timely manner.
- 2) The Cambodian side shall inspect the project on an ad hoc basis.
- 3) The two sides may carry out random joint inspections of the projects on the basis of consensus.

**Article VI**  
**Project Acceptance and Performance Evaluation**

- 1) The Cambodian side shall guide and urge the project implementing agency in submitting the final project report, including its financial report, settling the final account and all payments of the project within three months after the completion of the project.
- 2) The Cambodian side shall check the final project, develop feedback on

the final project report and provide relevant information to the Chinese side in written form.

3) The remaining balance in the final account of the project shall be returned to the account designated by the Chinese side within three months after the completion of the project.

**Article VII  
Revisions and Modifications**

The two sides may propose revisions or modifications in written form in part or in whole of this Agreement. The revisions or modifications agreed to by the two sides shall be in written form, they shall become an integral part of this Agreement and shall be valid starting from the date agreed to by the two sides through consultation.

**Article VIII  
Settlement of Disputes**

The differences and disputes of the two sides over the interpretation and application of this Agreement shall be settled through consultation or negotiation in a friendly manner.

**Article IX  
Application**

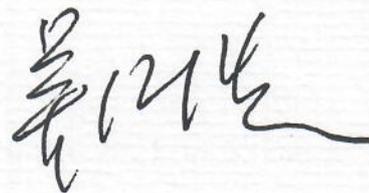
Done in Phnom Penh on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 in Khmer, Chinese and English languages, all text being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA



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