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[30 June GIAI PHONG editorial: "A New Manifestation of the Brotherly Friendship, Solidarity, and Cooperation Between the Republic of South Vietnam and Cambodia"]

[Text] During June, whereas our compatriots throughout the south, with the impetus of victory, are advancing and scoring beautiful flowerlike glorious feats-of-arms to greet an historic event, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam came into being with the firm and enthusiastic support and recognition of many countries in the world. Happily, we received the good tidings that in response to Chief of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk's invitation, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam sent a governmental delegation headed by architect Huynh Tan Phat, president of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, to officially pay a friendly visit to the Cambodian Kingdom. This event of historic importance is a new victory for the friendship and solidarity between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples and a new failure for the U.S. aggressors and the Saigon puppet administration in their aim to divide the two peoples.

The fact that Cambodia was chosen by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam for its first friendly visit abroad itself reaffirmed our unswerving correct foreign policy of consolidating and developing the brotherly friendship and cooperation between the Republic of South Vietnam and the Cambodian Kingdom. We firmly believe that the emergence of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam will contribute toward further consolidating and developing the age-old inherent friendship between the two peoples.

The relation between Vietnam and Cambodia is that of two brotherly neighbors who are on the same frontline against the U.S. imperialists aggressors for the sake of independence and peace for Indochinese countries. Passing through many tests of time, the friendly relations and solidarity between our people and the Cambodian people have been increasingly tightened and cemented in the friendship-united struggle against the U.S. imperialists to defend their sacred national rights.

For our people's anti-U.S. national salvation struggle, Cambodia has clearly proved an ardent, strong, and continuous support. As did many other countries in the world, Cambodia, firmly maintaining a peaceful and neutral foreign policy, recognized the NLFV as the genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people. It officially established diplomatic relations with the NLFV and on 9 May 1969, raised these relations to ambassadorial level. Particularly, following the establishment of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, Cambodia promptly considered it a legal government genuinely representing the South Vietnamese people.

On 14 June, Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk sent a congratulatory message to President Huynh an Phat, officially recognizing the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam headed by him. Regarding the Vietnam problem, Cambodia pointed out from the outset: This problem can only be solved by an unconditional end to the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression.

On 1 February 1969, Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk and the Royal Cambodian Government issued a statement completely supporting our just stand at the Paris conference and asserting that peace can be restored only through the unconditional withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Vietnam and the recognition of the Vietnamese people's sacred national rights to settle their own affairs without foreign interference. These precious friendly gestures have constantly strengthened the development of the brotherly solidarity between the two countries and greatly encouraged our people's anti-U.S. national salvation struggle.

Our people highly esteem Vietnamese-Cambodian friendship. We deeply realize that our people's great, overall successes cannot be separated from the strong, wholehearted assistance and encouragement of the peace-loving peoples and governments in the world including the fraternal Khmer people and the Cambodian Government.

We have always considered our people's successes as contributions toward consolidating and developing the solidarity and friendship of the three Indochinese peoples in the struggle against the U.S. aggressors, our common enemy. On the basis of an inalterable correct foreign policy, the South Vietnamese people have been fully supporting the Khmer people's just struggle, under Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk's clear-sighted leadership, for the protection of Cambodia's independence, sovereignty, neutrality, and territorial integrity within its present borders.

The Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, the NFLSV, and the Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic, and Peace Forces recognize and pledge to respect Cambodia's territorial integrity within its present borders and firmly condemn the U.S. aggressors and Thieu-Ky-Huong lackey administration for unceasingly encroaching on Cambodia's sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence, and neutrality and making provocations against and dividing the long-standing friendship between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples.

Like the NFLSV's political program, the NFLSV's 10-point overall solution and the program of action of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam stipulate the establishment of good friendly neighborly relations with the Cambodian Kingdom on the basis of recognition of and respect for Cambodia's independence, sovereignty, neutrality, and territorial integrity within its present borders. In his message addressed to Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk on 1 March 1969 on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Indochinese peoples' conference, Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho specified that the South Vietnamese people's desire was to unceasingly consolidate and develop the friendly neighborly relations and longstanding cooperation between both peoples on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence and sincere mutual assistance and respect so as to build the country according to each people's wish.

This first friendly visit of the delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam to the Cambodian Kingdom is completely consistent with the two peoples' interests and aspirations. We deeply believe that this visit will further tighten the inherent solidarity and friendship between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples in the struggle against the common enemy--the U.S. imperialists--while opening a new period of brotherly cooperation between our two countries at present as well as in the future.

On this occasion, the South Vietnamese people and combatants on all battlefields who are firmly holding their guns and successfully attacking U.S. imperialism, wish to express, through the delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, their genuine representative, their gratitude for the precious assistance which the people, Samdech Chief of State Sihanouk, and the Sangkum of Cambodia have constantly provided for our people's anti-U.S. national salvation struggle, especially in the current period, for an end to the Americans' aggression against Vietnam and the complete and unconditional withdrawal of U.S. and satellite troops from South Vietnam.

We sincerely hope that the first visit of the delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam to the Cambodian Kingdom will achieve great success and that the inherent friendship between the two countries will grow better and better.