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[Text] Peking, May 26 (HSINHUA)--Li Hsien-nien, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and vice-premier of the State Council, gave a banquet in the Great Hall of the People here this evening, warmly welcoming the Chinese personnel who have triumphantly come back from Cambodia after overcoming many obstacles placed by U.S. imperialism and its running dogs, the rightist Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, and warmly welcoming the Korean and Vietnamese comrades-in-arms who have triumphantly arrived in Peking.

Attending the banquet were Kang Mao-chao, former Chinese Ambassador in Phnom Penh, and other embassy members and Chinese specialists; Kim Eun Hwan, former ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Phnom Penh, Madame Kim Eun Hwan and other embassy members; and members of the former embassies of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the Republic of South Viet Nam in Phnom Penh who had remained there, including Nguyen Dang Khoa, Hoang Van Long, Nguyen Bach Dong and Tran Van Duc.

Also attending the banquet were:

Prince Norodom Yuvanath, son of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia; Sarin Chhak, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea and minister of foreign affairs of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia; Major General Duong Sam Ol, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the N.U.P.K. and minister of military equipment and armament of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Madame Duong Sam Ol; Madame Huot Sambath;

Ker Meas, ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to China;

Hyun Joon Keuk, ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to China, and Madame Hyun Joon Keuk and officials of the Korean Embassy;

Bui Tan Linh, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in China, and Madame Bui Tan Linh and officials of the D.R.V.N. Embassy;

Nguyen Van Quang, ambassador of the Republic of South Viet Nam to China, and officials of the Embassy of the Republic of South Viet Nam.

Among those attending the banquet were Kuo Mo-jo, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and Wang Hsin-ting, deputy chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

The banquet was alive with warm expressions of unity among the Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples in their victorious struggle against U.S. imperialism. Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien, Minister Sarin Chhak, ambassador Kim Eun Hwan and Ambassador Nguyen Van Quang spoke at the banquet.

Speaking on behalf of the Chinese Government and people, Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien gave a warm welcome and expressed kind regards to the Korean and Vietnamese comrades-in-arms who have triumphantly arrived in Peking, and the Chinese personnel who have triumphantly returned from Cambodia.