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SIHANOUK, ENTOURAGE ARRIVE IN HANOI FROM LAO LIBERATED ZONE

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[Text] Hanoi VNA March 16--Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia and president of the National United Front of Kampuchea, and Princess Monique Sihanouk, arrived here this afternoon. They came from the liberated zone of Laos, to which they had paid an official visit at the invitation of Prince Souphanouvong, and the Central Committee of the Lao Patriotic Front.

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They were accompanied by Prince Sisowath Chivan Monirak and his wife, Princess Norodom Boppha Devi, and their daughter, Princess Sisowath Monikossomak; Prince Norodom Chakrapon; Keat Chhon, secretary of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea and minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia; Pung Peng Cheng, director of the cabinet of the head of state, and Mme Pung Peng Cheng; Van Piny, member of the Central Committee of the NUFC, and Mme Van Piny; Sien An, member of the Central Committee of the NUFC and ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the DRV, and Mme Sien An; and many members of the NUFC and the cabinet of the head of state.

The Cambodian guests were welcomed near the Vietnam-Lao frontier by DRV Minister of Culture Hoang Minh Giam.

The welcome at the government guest-house was a great one. Large numbers of Hanoians lined the street in front. They broke into cheers and waved small flags and flowers when the motorcade pulled up.

On hand to greet the Cambodian delegation were DRV President Ton Duc Thang; Truong Chinh, chairman of the DRV National Assembly Standing Committee, and Mme Truong Chinh; Premier Pham Van Dong; Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh, and Mme Nguyen Duy Trinh; Hoang Quoc Viet, Presidium member of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee; Vice-Foreign Minister Phan Hien; Mayor Tran Duy Hung; and others. Nguyen Van Tien, head of the RSV Special Representation to the DRV, and Khamphay Boupcha, head of the LPF representation and charge d'affaires ad interim of the Kingdom of Laos to the DRV, were also present.

The enthusiasm of the people was so great that to show how much he appreciated it, Samdech Norodom Sihanouk paused on the pavement and waved at his well-wishers for a long time.

In the porch of the guest-house, he was met by President Ton Duc Thang, who hugged him heartily and inquired after the health of her majesty, Queen Sisowath Kossamak Nearireath, of the Cambodian head of state; Princess Monique Sihanouk, and the other distinguished Cambodian guests.

Samdech Norodom Sihanouk told President Ton Duc Thang he was very pleased with the success of his visit to the Lao liberated zone, and thanked the DRV president and the other leaders of Vietnam and the population of Hanoi for their heartfelt welcome.

Premier Hosts 17 Mar Banquet

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[Text] Hanoi VNA March 17--At the presidential palace here this evening, Premier Pham Van Dong gave a grand banquet in honour of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk and his wife Princess Monique, who had just successfully completed a friendship visit to the liberated zone of Laos.

Present on the Cambodian side included Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, president of the National United Front of Kampuchea; Princess Monique Sihanouk; Prince Sisowath Chivan Monirak, his wife, Princess Norodom Boppha Devi, and his daughter, Princess Sisowath Monikossomak; Prince Norodom Chakrapon; Mr Keat Chhon, secretary of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC and minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Mme Keat Chhon; Mr Pung Peng Cheng, director of the Office of the Head of State, and Mme Pung Peng Cheng; Mr Van Piny, member of the Central Committee of the NUFC and Mme Van Piny; Mr Sien An, member of the Central Committee of the NUFC and ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the DRV.

On the Vietnamese side were Truong Chinh, chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee and Mme Truong Chinh; Pham Van Dong, premier; Nguyen Duy Trinh, vice-premier and minister for foreign affairs; and Mme Nguyen Duy Trinh; Hoang Van Hoa, vice-chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee; Hoang Quoc Viet, Presidium member of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front; Hoang Minh Giam, minister of culture; Phan Hien, vice-minister for foreign affairs; Tran Duy Hung, chairman of the Hanoi administrative committee, and others.

Mr Nguyen Van Tien, head of the Special Representation of the Republic of South Vietnam in the DRV, attended. Also present was Mr Khamphay Boupha, head of the representation of the Lao Patriotic Front, and charge d'affaires a.i. of the Kingdom of Laos to the DRV.

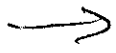
Speaking at the banquet, Premier Pham Van Dong warmly acclaimed Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, Princess Monique Sihanouk, and the other distinguished Cambodian guests for the successful conclusion of their friendship visit to the Lao liberated zone. The premier said "The Vietnamese people are very elated at the fine development of the fraternal relations between the peoples of Cambodia and Laos. This is a great contribution to the strengthening of the unshakable militant solidarity and the great friendship among the three Indochinese countries. In their struggle against the common enemy--the U.S. imperialist aggressors--the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos have brought into full play their genuine patriotism and their spirit of self-reliance, struggled persistently and recorded great victories."

"Now as in the past," Premier Pham Van Dong went on, "the Vietnamese people pledge themselves to foster the militant solidarity and the great fraternal friendship among the three peoples in accordance with the declaration of the Summit Conference of the Indochinese Peoples. The Vietnamese people are well aware that this fine friendship is the decisive factor for the important victory of their struggle as well as the building of their country in accordance with the desire of each people, thus making a worthy contribution to the cause of national independence and peace in Southeast Asia and the world."

Expressing the Vietnamese people's profound sentiments, admiration, respect and deep gratitude to the heroic peoples of Cambodia and Laos, Premier Pham Van Dong wished the Cambodian people complete victory in their just fight against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their henchmen, and the Lao people successes in their struggle for the strict implementation of the Vientiane agreement and its protocol.

Concluding his speech, Premier Pham Van Dong stressed: "For their part, the Vietnamese people, resolutely carrying forward the victories already gained, will pursue their long and arduous revolutionary struggle in the new stage in order to maintain and consolidate a lasting peace, speed up the socialist construction in the north, achieve independence and democracy in the south, and proceed to the peaceful reunification of the country, while fulfilling their internationalist obligations toward the fraternal peoples of Cambodia and Laos.

"Proud of and confident in the bright future of the three nations, the Vietnamese people are determined to strengthen their solidarity with and wholehearted support to the just struggle of the Cambodian and Lao peoples till complete victory. This is the sincere feeling, the rock-like will, and the unshakable stand of the Vietnamese people and the DRV Government."



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He said: "Hanoi is not only the heroic, victorious and glorious capital of the patriotic, revolutionary and anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist resistant Vietnam, but also the incontestable and how prestigious and fraternal capital of our patriotic, revolutionary and anti-U.S. imperialist resistant Indochina. This explains my pride and happiness in availing myself of this marvellous 'springboard' which is Hanoi to reach other fraternal places, other Indochinese fronts of our common struggle."

Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk went on: "Words are powerless to express all the depth of my gratitude to and my admiration and affection for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, which had the kindness to organise in a splendid and flawless manner my indispensable as well as historic journey to liberated Cambodia, a journey of capital importance for us Khmers, which was made just a year ago, and the one, which has also been crowned with complete success and which is also historic, to the Laos of the Neo Lao Hak Sat headed by Prince Souphanouvong, to liberated Laos, victor over U.S. imperialism.

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JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY DELEGATION CONCLUDES HANOI VISIT

Calls on LPF Representation

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[Text] Sam Neua March 14 (KPL)--The delegation of the Communist Party of Japan [JCP] led by Tetsuzo Fuwa, member of the Permanent Presidium, and chief of the Secretariat, of the CPJ CC now visiting the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, on March 12 called on the representation of the Lao Patriotic Front in Hanoi. It was warmly welcomed by Thavon Sichaleun, acting-head of the LPF representation in the DRV.

On behalf of the JCP delegation, Tetsuzo Fuwa warmly hailed the great victories the Lao people have recorded in their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. He also welcomed the initial progress in the implementation of the Vientiane agreement and the related protocol and expressed the firm support of the Communist Party and people of Japan for the just struggle of the Lao patriotic forces and people for the preservation of peace and the realization of national concord and proceeding to the building of a peaceful, independent, democratic, unified and prosperous Laos.

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