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Opening Speech

By

H.E. Ieng Mouly, Chair of the National AIDS Authority,
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- Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, Chairmen of the AIDS Committees of Ministries, Capital and Provincial Secretariat and the Cambodian Red Cross
- Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, Leaders of the National AIDS Authority
- Excellencies, Lok Chumteavs, Ladies and Gentlemen, National and International Guests!

Today, I am very pleased and honored to chair the "First Plenary Meeting of the National AIDS Authority in 2024". On behalf of the leadership of the National AIDS Authority and on my own behalf, I would like to express my warmest welcome and deep gratitude to Excellencies, Lok Chumteavs, Ladies and Gentlemen, all national and international guests who have taken the valuable time to attend the First Plenary Meeting for 2024 today.

At the same time, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all relevant ministries and institutions for their efforts and cooperation with the National AIDS Authority to promote and participate in the implementation of the Sor Chor Nor No. 213, dated February 21, 2019 of the Royal Government of Cambodia until the results are satisfactory.

Excellencies, Lok Chumteavs, Ladies and Gentlemen!

On this journey to end AIDS, which is a threat to public health, the Royal Government of Cambodia has introduced a series of measures, especially on March 15, 2024, the Plenary Session of the Council of Ministers under the highest chairmanship of Samdech Moha Bovor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, unanimously approved the National Policy to End AIDS and Sustainability of the AIDS Program for 2023-2028 to build a AIDS-Free Cambodia.

The National Policy to End AIDS and the Sustainability of the AIDS Program for 2023-2028 further confirms the strong political commitment of the Royal Government of the 7th

legislature, which continues the noble mission of the previous Royal Government under the outstanding leadership of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen in continuing to develop human capital and improve the health and well-being of the people in accordance with the first phase of the Pentagonal strategy.

The National Policy to End AIDS and Sustainability of the AIDS Program for 2023-2028 is designed to be a vital tool in promoting multidisciplinary participation in HIV and AIDS response at both the national and sub-national levels, based on the three pillars: 1) leadership or ownership, 2) partnership, and 3) investment, along with three ones key principles: one strategy or action plan framework, one coordinating body and one monitoring and evaluation system.

In addition, the national policy also gives directions to the development of a comprehensive and multi-sectoral national strategic plan to eradicate HIV / AIDS to ensure an appropriate response to the priority needs of the target groups, as well as the efficient use of resources to achieve goals on a regular basis.

Excellencies, Lok Chumteavs, Ladies and Gentlemen!

I would like to inform the whole meeting that in accordance with the Action Plan of 2024, the First Plenary Meeting of the National AIDS Authority is held to jointly review the progress, achievements, effectiveness or challenges in the fight against HIV/AIDS for the first 6 months of 2024.

On the agenda, we will have two presentations, including:

1. Draft presentation on the progress of the implementation of the resolution of the Second Plenary Meeting 2023 presented by H.E. Dr. Chhim Khindareth, Secretary General of the National AIDS Authority.
2. Presentation on the National Policy to End AIDS and the Sustainability of the AIDS Program for 2023-2028 presented by H.E. Dr. Tia Phala, Vice Chair of the National AIDS Authority.

Then we will have a joint discussion and the adoption of the resolution of the First Plenary Meeting of the National AIDS Authority 2024.

To allow more time for presentations, discussions, exchanges of ideas and work experiences from members of the National AIDS Authority, I would like to end the opening remarks.

I would like to wish Excellencies, Lok Chumteavs, Ladies and Gentlemen good health, strength and wisdom to participate in the successful discussions according to the planned objectives and announce the opening of the “1st Plenary Meeting of the National AIDS Authority of 2024” from now on.

Thank you!