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Press Release

The second Consultative Meeting among sending countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar: CLM) on “the Roles of Sending Countries for Protection of Migrant Workers” will be held on 30th and 31st October 2019, at Sokhalay Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap province, under the Presidency of **Samdech Kralahome Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Ministry of Interior, and Chairperson of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking in persons, (NCCT)**, Cambodia, at the Opening Ceremony.

Cambodian Delegation leads by **Her Excellency Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior, Permanent Vice Chairperson of NCCT**; comprises high level officials of key ministries relevant;

Lao PDR Delegation leads by **Pol. Col. Dr. Phengsavanh THIPPHAVONGSAY Deputy Director General of General Police Department, Head of Secretarial** to The Nation Committee on Anti Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Public Security;

Myanmar Delegation leads by **Major General Aung Thu, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs**.

Besides that, there are representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, governors and vice governors of border provinces, police force, government officials and partners, in total approximately 150 persons.

The main objectives of the meeting are:

1. To learn the new incident and tendency of migration for exploring measures to eliminate irregular migration, trafficking in persons and all forms of exploitation in migration cycle, and to promote safe, regular and orderly migration.
2. To identify common key issues and exchange experiences in solving those problems by strengthening collaboration to respond the issues on prevention, law enforcement and victim protection, as well as in respective country and at the destination country.

The three countries are neighbour, have similar culture, have shared border with Thailand together, and our people have gone and are going to work in Thailand, by both, with and without legal documents in a huge number; some migrants faced risky situation within migration cycle, since departure, at work place until return back home.

Even if migration is people’s rights, however, their rights to interest and dignity as human being are also needed to be respected and promoted.

Therefore, the consultation results will reach a concrete plan which the three countries are agreed to take action in managing and protecting safety, rights and interests of migrant workers to avoid risks of human trafficking and all forms of exploitation. As soon as possible some recommendations will be put in the discussion with Thailand as destination country for collaborating in solving migration issues effectively.

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