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LETTER OF DEEPEST CONDOLENCE

His Holiness Samdech Nun Nget, Acting Supreme Patriarch,
Mahasangha, and The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Vietnam Buddhist Sangha is very deeply saddened by the news that His Holiness Great Supreme Patriarch of Cambodia, Samdech Preah Akka Maha Sangharajadhipati Tep Vong of Dhamma Mahanikaya of the Kingdom of Cambodia just passed away on the 26th of February, 2024 at Wat Ounalom, Phnom Penh Capital, Cambodia at the age of 93 years dedicated to Buddhism, Cambodian country, and world peace.

On behalf of the Sangharaja Council and Executive Council of the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha, we extend our deepest condolences to the Mahasangha, Royal Government, and People of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the passing away of the Great Supreme Patriarch of Cambodia, Samdech Preah Akka Maha Sangharajadhipati Tep Vong.

The Great Supreme Patriarch of Cambodia, Samdech Preah Akka Maha Sangharajadhipati Tep Vong is a prominent figure in the history of world Buddhism. He left great legacies of remarkable achievements that will continue to inspire and guide generations to come. He is an emblem of harmony, solidarity, reconciliation, and selfless service. He played a pivotal role in re-establishing the Cambodian monkhood in the Kingdom of Cambodia and in fostering unity among the various global Buddhist sects, creating an environment of peace and mutual respect. His departure marks a significant loss not only for Cambodian but also for the global Buddhist community.

It is worth emphasizing that the Great Supreme Patriarch Samdech Tep Vong was a holy friend of the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and People of Vietnam. In this time of grief, we stand in solidarity with the Mahasangha and the people of Cambodia, hoping that the spirit and legacies of the Great Supreme Patriarch Samdech Tep Vong will continue to inspire and be cherished in the hearts of all Cambodian and global citizens.

With heartfelt sympathy,

**ON BEHALF OF THE VIETNAM BUDDHIST SANGHA
DEPUTY SUPREME PATRIARCH,
PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**



His Eminence Most Venerable Thich Thien Nhon