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### Webinar on

### “Assessing the Outcomes of the 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC)”

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Via ZOOM

On 31st October 2022, the Mekong Centre for Strategic Studies (MCSS) of the Asian Vision Institute (AVI) with the support from TECHO Leadership Academy (TLA) organised a webinar on “Assessing the Outcomes of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC)” in an online format via ZOOM. The webinar was open to the public. The National Congress was a significant milestone for China and beyond.

In his welcoming remarks, **H.E. Prof. Dr. CHHEM Kieth Rethy**, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Member of the Board of Directors of AVI, praised the achievements of the Communist Party of China especially regarding the implementation of a people-centered philosophy of development, the harmony between human and nature, and the holistic approach towards security. He is confident that under the wise and visionary leadership of President Xi Jinping, China will be able to realise the Chinese Dream.

In his opening remarks, **H.E. Mr. WANG Wentian**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People’s Republic of China to Cambodia, highlighted Chinese economy, foreign policy and party building. He said self-learning, self-reform, and self-regulation are the key principles of party building of the Communist Party of China. China’s foreign policy, he said, is consistent in terms of upholding world peace, promoting common development, while pursuing an independent foreign policy of peace and fairness and justice.

During the panel discussion, the panellists provided their perspectives on the overall outcomes of the 20th National Congress. They shared the views that President Xi Jinping and his loyalist team will continue to drive China to a higher level, while navigating emerging challenges at home and abroad. Prof. Zhao Shulan from the Yunan Academy of Social Sciences looked at the National Congress from three-level modernization: material modernization, people modernization, and system modernization. Dr. Chheang Vannarith from the Asian Vision Institute emphasized the importance of dual-circulation strategy of China in making China more resilient through two-layered integration (national and international integration process).

In his closing remarks, **H.E. Mr. SUOS Yara**, Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and Media of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, underlined that President Xi Jinping’s vision to realise the second centenary goal to turn China into a “great modern socialist society in all aspects” can be achieved with strong and resilient national unity, innovative leadership and governance, and international integration. He believes that China will continue to promote open and inclusive multilateralism and enhance global governance.