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First let me extend my warm welcome to all delegates from the region and let me also extend my thanks to the organizer AMIC and to Lida for its support.

In my capacity as Minister of Information I fully endorse this seminar. This seminar will give us the opportunity to exchange ideas and opinions together in this region.

You know we are starting to be active in Asean affairs. As mentioned to all of you the Cambodian conflict problem is almost over and the two parts have joined together to set up a legal government. This will persuade the United Nations members to allocate our seat back to us at the United Nations. This is a very good sign and I’m very happy to be a member of the government. It was very hard for the last government but this change will lead us to mend the broken pieces and start a better future for the people.

You know the whole Khmer Rouge has submitted to the government, including former party supporters who joined war. It is now over.

Right now is the time and I’m grateful to have the opportunity to stand here, show my face as the Minister of Information. I am proud that the seminar is being held at the right time. At this moment, Cambodia concentrates on the economy and news media. During the past years’ war, shooting wars and writing wars, put Cambodia in a very bad situation. So, one of my responsibilities now is to put together the broken pieces and to end the conflict. We will stand together to build a new Cambodia. Thank you very much.
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