



**ASEAN PARA SPORTS
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Your Excellency Hun Sun,
Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia,
41, Russian Federation Blvd, Phnom Penh
KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

Dear Excellency.

HOSTING OF THE 12th ASEAN PARA GAMES 2023

Firstly, allow me to convey my utmost gratitude to you and the government of Cambodia for adopting an active stance in the promotion of Paralympic movement in the region all these years.

2. I thank the National Paralympic Committee of Cambodia (NPC Cambodia) for moving in tandem with the ideals of the Asean Para Sports Federation (APSF) in promoting the development of para sports, its athletes and the disabled community in the Asean region.

3. As president of APSF, I'm proud to note that the regional body, with solid support from its 11 members, is progressing well on track in the development of para sports and athletes with the organization of various multi-sport Games, individual championships, courses and paralympic activities.

4. A proven feat is the staging of the **ASEAN PARA GAMES**, a biennial Games which provides platform for athletes with a disability in Asean to perform at competitive levels.

5. The Asean Para Games is held back-to-back with the SEA Games and is well received and recognized in all Asean countries. The 7th edition of the Games will be held in Myanmar from 14th to 20th January, 2014. *TN*

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6. The inaugural of Asean Para Games was held in Kuala Lumpur in 2001, followed by Hanoi (2003), Manila, Philippines (2005), Thailand (2007), Kuala Lumpur in 2009 and Solo Indonesia (2011).

7. It is now a common practice in Asean that host of the SEA Games would also stage the Asean Para Games, following the footsteps of other major Games such as the Asian Para Games and Paralympic Games which are held after the Asian Games and Olympic Games respectively.

8. APSF works closely with host countries in organizing the Asean Para Games, providing consultation and technical expertise in sports and other pertinent areas.

9. It is our wish that Cambodia be part of this successful journey which helps to consolidate Cambodia's position as among the catalyst in Asean paralympic movement. Similarly, it brings about immense benefits for Cambodia, which will be recognized for championing the cause for equality and accessibility for para athletes and persons with a disability, as outlined by the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability.

10. APSF looks forward to Cambodia's commitment in hosting the 12th Asean Para Games, possibly in the year 2023.

11. We have great relationship and understanding with the National Paralympic Committee of Cambodia and are fully confident that the hosting of the Asean Para Games in Cambodia is viable and doable.

We remain at your disposal should you require further explanation or wish to initiate further discussion or presentation on the matter. We look forward to your commitment in this matter and in the process project Cambodia as one of the leading Paralympic movers in the region.

Thank you and kind regards.

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