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**AICB Awards Honorary Fellowship to
H.E. Chea Chanto, Governor, National Bank of Cambodia**

Siem Reap, Cambodia (2nd February 2018): The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) conferred its Honorary Fellowship Award on His Excellency Chea Chanto, Governor of the National Bank of Cambodia, in recognition of his vision, leadership and dedication which transformed Cambodia's banking industry.

The Fellowship was awarded by AICB Chairman, Tan Sri Azman Hashim, FCB and witnessed by Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia, Tan Sri Muhammad bin Ibrahim, FCB.

The AICB Honorary Fellowship is a prestigious award conferred on distinguished individuals whose leadership and contributions in the financial industry are considered to be of national and international significance.

In the conferment speech, Tan Sri Azman paid tribute to H.E. Governor Chea Chanto's visionary leadership, where he led the transformation of the Cambodian financial industry with insight and boldness.

The citation delivered by AICB Chief Executive, Prasad Padmanaban described H.E. Governor Chea Chanto's unwavering commitment and dedication over decades to strengthen Cambodia's economic fundamentals, providing the bedrock for the nation's strong economic growth.

Tan Sri Azman said, "Under His Excellency's stewardship of the National Bank of Cambodia, numerous banking reforms which strengthened Cambodia's banking system were introduced. Cambodia's banking system has now been modernized and integrated in the regional and international financial system."

In his acceptance speech, H.E. Governor Chea Chanto said, "I'm honoured and feel very privileged to receive this Honorary Fellowship. This award also reflects the hard work of my many colleagues at the National Bank of Cambodia. Our country's banking sector has grown significantly since the central bank was re-established in 1979. Today, banking is one of the country's best-performing economic sectors. We remained focus on strengthening the banking system, building a rich talent pool, and



striking the right balance between financial inclusion and financial stability to boost economic activity.”

The conferment of the Fellowship further strengthens the bilateral ties between Malaysia and Cambodia. It also facilitates new collaborative opportunities between AICB and the National Bank of Cambodia to further strengthen professional development in the banking sector required to sustain a growing financial industry.

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