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Her Majesty Queen Mother Norodom Monineath

His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia

Majesties

Let me express the deepest condolence on behalf of all the staff of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals and myself.

His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk has supported the Kantha Bopha Hospital since the beginning, again and again in a decisive way. Without His Majesty's support there would no more be a Kantha Bopha Hospital.

On September 23rd 1992 he admonished the CPP in His inauguration speech to support Kantha Bopha. He was saying, that the sick children should be brought to Kantha Bopha Hospital because it is the best Hospital. All this becomes true: 20 years later, at the ceremony "20 years of Kantha Bopha" His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni told me, that he was told by PM Samdech Hun Sen, that he is supporting 100% the Kantha Bopha Hospitals. Today up to 90% of all sick children are brought to the Kantha Bopha Hospitals from all over the Kingdom. It is the best hospital.

In 1995, when Kantha Bopha was facing difficulties refusing severely sick children being overcrowded, His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk has saved the existence of the Hospital giving land in the Royal Palace, in order to build Kantha Bopha II. During its inauguration, enjoying the view from the new Hospital's third floor to the Stupa of Kantha Bopha, His Majesty told me, holding my arm: "Now Kantha Bopha is immortal, because children will be saved next to her and because of her again and again and children will go on living again and again".

Majesty's King Father Norodom Sihanouk and Queen Mother Norodom Monineath decisive support is going on by His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia. To His words, recently told to me again, I listen every day: "Always and everywhere I am with you and Kantha Bopha".

Majesty Queen Mother Norodom Monineath, Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, let me repeat my deepest condolence and my deepest gratitude.

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