

PREFACE

The forest has a direct bond with all living things on earth, and forestry is a global issue for the entire human society. Therefore, the protection of the forestry sector requires necessary contribution from all parties, particularly local communities, the most vital and powerful driving force. The Farmers' Tree Planting Manual has been prepared with the aim to disseminate tree planting techniques to ease the work of local extension workers, and to aid people who are really interested in tree planting, including farmers, the private sector, schools, pagodas, and the armed forces. The planting techniques available in this compilation have been extracted from a number of national and international technical documents, as well as from technical officials who have experience in tree planting and community liaison. The techniques have been integrated and synthesized as a set, which is appropriate and practical for the situation in Cambodia. The document was prepared with the cooperation of the Cambodia-German Forestry Project (CGFP/GTZ) and financial support from Cambodia Tree Seed Project (CTSP/DANIDA), Capacity Building in the Forestry Sector (CBFS/JICA) and Agricultural Support Programme in Cambodia (PRASAC II) in Kampong Speu province.

With the successful completion of the manual, in line with the broad forestry sector reforms of the Royal Government, in its second mandate under the fair, strong and clever leadership of Samdech Prime Minister Hun Sen, normality and order in the forestry sector has been ensured and can be considered as the basic foundation to step towards sustainable management of forests in the future. I am confident that the Farmers' Tree Planting Manual will become a very valuable contribution to encourage and facilitate the majority of Cambodian people, who are farmers, to become actively and effectively involved in forestry sector related activities, particularly tree planting, to generate a source of income, upgrade their living standards and quality of life, as well as to establish forest resource cover to maintain the environmental balance, which is the best traditional conservation of the nation and religion of Cambodia.

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