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### **ICC-Angkor MEETING IN SIEM REAP**

The 21st Technical Committee meeting of the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC) will be held on 5-7 June 2012 in Siem Reap at the APSARA National Authority premises.

After Angkor was inscribed in the World Heritage list on December 14, 1992, an International Co-ordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC) was established. The creation of this ICC was one of the conditions given by the World Heritage Committee to accept the Angkor Site on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Since that time, the ICC has convened regularly twice a year, consistently following up on all operations being carried out on the site. It is the international mechanism for coordinating all assistance extended by different countries and organizations. It ensures the consistency of the different projects, defines the technical and financial standards and raises the attention of all concerned parties when necessary. The ICC is co-chaired by France and Japan, represented by their Ambassadors in Cambodia. UNESCO provides the services of a Standing Secretariat.

The first day of this Technical meeting, on 5 June, will be spent on a site tour at Toap Chey archaeological excavation. The field tour will also highlight the presence of Cambodian experts working on the site, including architects and archaeologists. This visit is organized by the Secretariat of the ICC-Angkor in collaboration with APSARA National Authority.

The following days, 6 and 7 June, will be devoted to a number of presentations by specialists, featuring themes from conservation, archaeological research to tourism and community development. The session will be opened by the co-chairs Mme. Catherine Mancip, Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs with the Embassy of France, and Mr. Yoshihiro Higuchi, Minister with the Embassy of Japan. The Royal Government of Cambodia will be represented by His Excellency Mr. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for the Council of Ministers and Chairman

of the APSARA National Authority who will make a special statement. The UNESCO Representative in Phnom Penh, Ms. Anne Lemaistre, will also make a statement.

The tribute that the Cambodian authorities and ICC-co-chairs pay year after year to each of the teams working in the field is an indication of the international and multilateral dimension of the work being done at Angkor. A look over years gives reason for enthusiasm at the extent of the work accomplished and the quality of the relationships born of this framework.

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