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ICC-Angkor Meeting in Siem Reap APSARA Conference Hall

2-3 December 2015

The 25th Technical Session and the 22nd Plenary Session of the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC-Angkor) will be held on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 December 2015 in Siem Reap.

The objectives of this session are to discuss the status of preservation and development of Angkor, assess the work carried out during the last 6 months and bring new assistance if need arises. The meeting will also provide a forum to many countries and institutions to review their assistance to Angkor, World Heritage Site.

After Angkor was inscribed in the World Heritage list on 14th December 1992, an International Co-Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC-Angkor) was established. The creation of this ICC-Angkor 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-Angkor has convened regularly twice a year, thus consistently following up on all operations being carried out on the site. It is the international mechanism for coordination of assistance to be extended by different countries and organizations, and ensures the consistency of the different projects, defines, when necessary, conservation standards and calls the attention of the concerned parties when required.

The ICC-Angkor is co-chaired by France and Japan. UNESCO ensures the Standing Secretariat. From 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th November and 1st December, the Ad-hoc experts will visit the work sites of Bakong (Lintel of Bakong Tower), Preah Pithu, Prasat Top, Terrace of Elephants, Baray Occidental (Mebon), West Causeway Angkor Wat, Road from Tonel Oum South Gate to Bayon, Bantey Srei Temple, Phnom Kulen, Phnom Bakheng, Prasat Chrung, and Ta Prohm temple. These visits are organized by the Secretariat of the ICC-Angkor in collaboration with the APSARA National Authority.

The following days, on 2 and 3 December will be devoted to a number of presentations by specialists, featuring themes on restoration, archaeological research, tourism and sustainable development. The 25th Technical Session will be chaired by Mr. Romain LOUVET, Counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs at the Embassy of France and Mr. Takahisa TSUGAWA, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan while the 22nd Plenary Session will be held under the presidency of the **H.E. Mr. Yuji KUMAMARU**, ambassador, embassy of Japan in Cambodia and H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude POIMBOEUF, ambassador, embassy of France in Cambodia. Ms. **Anne LEMAISTRE**, UNESCO representative in Cambodia will represent the UNESCO director-general. The Royal Government of Cambodia will be represented by His Excellency **Dr. SOK An**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for the Council of Ministers and Chairman of the APSARA National Authority.

The tribute that the Cambodian authorities and ICC-co-chairs are prompted to pay year after year to each of the teams present in the field is an indication of the international and multilateral dimension of the work being done at Angkor.

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