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#### **ICC-Angkor MEETING IN SIEM REAP 4 December 2014**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session meeting of the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC) will be held on 4 December 2014 in Siem Reap at the APSARA National Authority Headquarters.

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 the 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, thus consistently following up with all operations being carried out on the site. It is the international mechanism which coordinates assistance to the Angkor extended by different countries and organizations. The ICC ensures the consistency of the different projects, defines, when necessary, the standards, and calls the attention of the concerned parties when required.

The ICC is co-chaired by France and Japan, represented by their Ambassadors in Cambodia. UNESCO provides the services of a Standing Secretariat. The ICC demonstrates a mechanism which represents a truly international and multilateral dimension of the work being done at Angkor. A look over years gives reason for satisfaction at the extent of the work accomplished and the quality of the relationships born of this framework.

The discussions of 4 December will be devoted to a number of presentations by specialists, covering issues of conservation, archaeological research, tourism management and community development. The session will be opened by the co-chairs, H.E. Mr. Yuji KUMAMARU, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia and H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude POIMBCEUF, Ambassador of France to Cambodia. 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 who will make a special statement. The UNESCO Representative in Phnom Penh, Ms. Anne Lemaistre, will also make a statement.

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