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PRESS RELEASE

**Invitation to attend
The Sacred Dances in the village
By the Sacred Dancers of Angkor
Preah Ream Buppha Devi NKFC Conservatoire
9th April 2015, 9:00 am**

Sacred Dances in the Village

By the Sacred Dancers of Angkor

WHAT: The first ceremony of the solemn ritual to Krong Pealy, creator of the Universe, to bestow his protection and guidance to the selected 30 professional dancers receiving their crowns and masks in full costumes, followed by a Reamker performance.

WHO: Sacred Dancers of Angkor, Conservatoire in Banteay Srei, with the support of UNESCO

The Nginn Karet Foundation for Cambodia, which is leading the initiative, has been committed to helping disadvantaged villagers of Angkor and improving their living standards through their programmes on rural development, hygiene and art education. The population of the 14 villages currently supported by NKFC totals an estimated 12,778 people of 2,334 families representing about 40 per cent of the total population of Banteay Srei District.

WHEN: Thursday 9th April 2015, 9:00 am

WHERE: At the Preah Ream Buppha Devi NKFC Conservatoire, Chhouk Sar Village, Banteay Srei District (5mn from Banteay Srei Temple, a map will be provided)

Please confirm your attendance by email at: phnompenh@unesco.org