

25th

Anniversary of the
inscription of
Angkor on the
World Heritage List

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**ICC-Angkor Meeting in Siem Reap
APSARA Conference Hall
13-14 December 2017**

The 29th Technical Session and 24th Plenary Session of the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC-Angkor) will be held respectively on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December 2017 in Siem Reap and will be the occasion to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the inscription of Angkor on the World Heritage List.

These double sessions will be followed on 15 December 2017 by a Symposium organized by GACP and the Embassy of Germany in Cambodia, in collaboration with APSARA and UNESCO on Conservation of Khmer monuments in Angkor and beyond.

The objectives of this session are to discuss the status of preservation and development of Angkor; to 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 14 December 1992, an International 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 05 to 11 December 2017, the Ad-hoc experts will visit the work sites of Prasat Tonle Sgnout, West Causeway Angkor Wat, Bantey Srei Temple, Phnom Kulen, Preah Khan Temple, Phnom Bakheng, Ta Keo 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, 13 and 14 December, will be devoted to a number of presentations by specialists, featuring themes on restoration, archaeological research, tourism and sustainable development. The 29th Technical Session will be chaired by Mr. **Kenichi BESSHO**, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan and Mr. **Guillaume NARJOLLET**, Counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs at the Embassy of France and while the 24th Plenary Session will be held under the presidency of His excellency Mr. **Hidehisa HORINOUCI**, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia and Her Excellency Ms. **Eva NGUYEN BINH**, Ambassador of France to Cambodia. Ms. **Anne LEMAISTRE**, UNESCO Representative in Cambodia, will represent the UNESCO Director-General. The Royal Government of Cambodia will be represented by H. E. Ms. **PHOEURNG Sackona**, Minister of Culture and Fine Arts, and Chairperson of APSARA National Authority.

The participation of the Government of Cambodia in the works, in partnership with international teams, has increased and diversified and 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:

Over the last few years, special attention has been paid to:

1. The Parvis of Angkor and improvement of Parvis in general;
2. The implementation of the Tourism Management Plan;
3. The implementation of the Preah Pithu's project within the Angkor Thom Royal Plaza, a new project initiated by the Korean Cooperation (KOICA) in 2016;
4. The follow-up of major restoration ongoing projects: Bakheng, Bayon, Western Mebon, Angkor Wat, Takeo, Ta Prohm, Elephant Terrace, etc.
5. The programming of archaeological research following the discoveries confirmed by Lidar in the Angkor site;
6. In general, an effective monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations made by the *ad hoc* experts;
7. The protection of Zone 1 and 2 and the measures taken to control the illegal building constructions, including the demolition.

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