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ICC-Angkor Meeting in Siem Reap
APSARA Conference Hall
5-6 June 2018

The 30th Technical Session of the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC-Angkor) will be held respectively on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 June 2018 in Siem Reap.

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 31 May to 3 June 2018, the Ad-hoc experts will visit the antennas of the Angkor Park, the bypass road at the Elephant Terrace, the Angkor Wat causeway, the work sites of Bayon, the South and North ponds, the Ceiling of the Churning of Sea Milk Gallery, Ta Prhom, Takeo Temple, the West part of the South Dike and Prasa Ak Yum, Banteay Prei and Bantey Srei. These visits are organized by the Secretariat of the ICC-Angkor in collaboration with the APSARA National Authority.

The following days, 5 and 6 June, will be devoted to a number of presentations by specialists, featuring themes on restoration, conservation, archaeological research and sustainable development

The 30th Technical Session will be chaired by Mr. **Guillaume NARJOLLET**, Counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs at the Embassy of France and Mr. **Kenichi BESSHO**, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan. Ms. **Anne LEMAISTRE**, UNESCO Representative in Cambodia, will represent the UNESCO Director-General. The Royal Government of Cambodia will be represented by H. E. Dr. **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, Angkor Wat, Takeo, Ta Prohm, Elephant Terrace, etc.
5. In general, an effective monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations made by the adhoc experts;
6. The protection of Zone 1 and 2 and the measures taken to control the illegal building constructions.

For some years, the ICC-Angkor paid a particular attention to issues regarding the Sustainable Development of the site and most particularly to sustainable tourism since the site is confronted to an increasing success from national and international visitors. This new situation of mass tourism has not spared other World Heritage Sites causing worries from professionals due to the accelerated physical degradation of monuments jeopardizing the beauty and harmony of the site. These preoccupations were taken into serious considerations by the APSARA National Authority.

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