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#### **The 1<sup>st</sup> European Union Film Festival in Cambodia: A cinematic stroll through Europe**

European film is famous the world over and Cambodian audiences will have the chance to see some of the best releases of recent years in this year's event organized by the Embassies of the European Union (EU) Member States and the Delegation of the European Commission.

Featuring films from 4 of the 15 countries of the EU (Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany) and one from Poland - set to join the Union in 2004 - the festival is co-organised with the French Cultural Centre (FCC) of Phnom Penh and kicks off at the "Cinéma" of the FCC on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, running until the 6<sup>th</sup> July. All screenings will take place at the "Cinéma" and the admission will be free. All films will be shown in the original language with English subtitles.

The EU film festival aims to bring better understanding of the EU through cultural interaction. For the first time ever, the festival will bring some of the very best in recent European cinema to Cambodia. All the films are highly acclaimed, having been shown at Europe's most prestigious film festivals and will allow Cambodian audiences to experience the highly diverse nature of life within today's EU.

The line-up for this year's festival includes something for everybody, with films in a wide range of genres. Among the films scheduled to be shown is the German movie, 'Nirgendwo in Afrika' (Nowhere in Africa), fresh from its success in the Best Foreign Language Film category at the recent Oscar awards.

The 1<sup>st</sup> EU Film Festival in Cambodia comes in a time when the Royal Government of Cambodia is introducing a modern and effective system for the protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in compliance with the WTO agreement on Trade-related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs).

The EU is providing €500,000 in technical assistance to the Royal Government of Cambodia for enhancing governance and supporting legal reforms to protect and enforce IPR. Such rights form one of the basic pillars upon which business and investor confidence are built and are an essential tool for economic development.

#### **PROGRAMME**

Tuesday 1 July 2003	6.30 p.m.	"Nirgendwo in Afrika - Nowhere in Africa" (official opening: entrance only with invitation)	Germany
Wednesday 2 July 2003	6.30 p.m.	"La Patinoire - Ice Rink"	Belgium
Thursday 3 July 2003	6.30 p.m.	"En Kærlighedshistorie – Kira's Reason: A Love Story"	Denmark
Friday 4 July 2003	4.00 p.m.	"La Chambre des Officiers – The Officers' Ward"	France
	6.30 p.m.	"Historie Milosne – Love Stories"	Poland
Saturday 5 July 2003	4.00 p.m.	"Historie Milosne – Love Stories"	Poland
	6.30 p.m.	"En Kærlighedshistorie – Kira's Reason: A Love Story"	Denmark
Sunday 6 July 2003	4.00 p.m.	"La Patinoire - Ice Rink"	Belgium
	6.30 p.m.	"Nirgendwo in Afrika - Nowhere in Africa"	Germany

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