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## Press Release

### German ASEAN Parliamentary Group visiting Cambodia, 24.- 28.10.2003

The German ASEAN Parliamentary Group, comprised of 6 Members of Parliament of the German Federal Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag), is paying an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 24 till 28 October 2003.

The long planned visit aims at strengthening the close ties between Germany and the region and especially the Kingdom of Cambodia. The delegation, led by Klaus-Jürgen Hedrich, has been granted an audience with His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk. The schedule foresees political talks with the Prime Minister, H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, the President of the Senate, H.E. Chea Sim, and the Minister of Tourism, H.E. Veng Sereyvuth.

The four female and two male Members of Parliament will have meetings with the Supreme Patriarch of the Dhammayuttikaya Order, H.H. Bour Kry as well as several representatives of local human rights organizations. The German parliamentarians informed themselves about selected projects of Germany's on-going and future development aid and economic activities in Cambodia, including humanitarian demining. In Siem Reap the delegation visited the German Apsara Conservation Project (GACP) at Angkor Wat Temple.

Only two weeks ago Germany's official development aid, now amounting to 165 Mio. US-Dollars, based on consultations in June has been raised by nearly 30 Mio. US-Dollars.

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