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Press Release

Germany donates Prehistory Research Center in Memot, Kompong Cham Province

HRH Sisowath Panara Sirivuth, Secretary of State (Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts), and the German Ambassador Dr. Helmut Ohlraun will inaugurate the „Memot Center for Archaeology“ in Memot, Kompong Cham Province, on Saturday, November 30, 2002.

The establishment of the „Memot Center for Archaeology“ was made possible through the assistance of the Federal Republic of Germany in collaboration with the Cambodian Government, the Royal University of Fine Arts and the local authorities as well as the regional rubber plantations. The German Government as well as the Heinrich-Boell-Foundation Berlin and private donors from Germany have contributed to the funding of the Center. The German Academic Exchange supported the Center by assigning short-term lecturers to Cambodia and granting short-term scholarships for archaeological studies in Germany.

The Center's primary aim is to promote the study of regional Khmer prehistoric archaeology in Cambodia. Besides offering research and excavation activities for students and experts the Center hosts a small museum funded by the Heinrich-Boell-Foundation Berlin, and private donors from Germany. The exhibition shows artefacts from local sites to illustrate the ancient regional civilisation to the local public as well as to tourists visiting the area.

The press and media invited to participate in the inauguration ceremony
on November 30, 2002,
at 10.30 hours
in Memot (Kompong Cham Province).

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