

International Conference

Ancient Khmer and Southeast Asian Ceramics: New Archaeological Findings, Production and the Revival of Techniques

A collaboration between the Center for Khmer Studies, National Center for Khmer Ceramics Revival and Heritage Watch and part of the International Khmer Ceramics Festival, December 11-29, 2007

CKS Conference Hall, Wat Damnak, Siem Reap, Cambodia

December 13-15, 2007

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

This conference aims to bring together Cambodian and international scholars specialized in ancient Khmer and mainland South East Asian ceramics, with contemporary potters and craftspeople working to revive ancient production techniques. In light of illicit trading in antiquities, the objective is to raise awareness of the archaeological importance of ancient Cambodian and mainland South East Asian ceramics, and to highlight the new opportunities for sustainable economic development in the region through contemporary ceramic technology.

Scholars based in Southeast Asia are especially encouraged to participate.

Conference Advisory Committee:

Dr. Dougald O'Reilly, Chair

Prof. John Miksic, Mr. Chhay Rachna, Dr. Philippe Peycam, Mr. Serge Rega, Mr. Eric Llopis, Miss Suzanne Freilich

Panels Include:

Economics of ceramics in ancient Cambodia and mainland South East Asia.

Craft and production in ancient Cambodia and mainland South East Asia.

Appraisal, typology and chronology of ancient Khmer ceramics.

Revitalization of ceramic production in Cambodia.

Contemporary ceramic production and slowing the illicit trade of antiquities.

AGENDA

Thursday, December 13, 2007

13:30 Optional visit to two ancient Khmer sites

19:00-20:30 Cocktail reception

Friday, December 14, 2007

8:00 Registration

8:30 Opening of the Conference
Philippe Peycam, CKS Director, & Mr. Serge Rega, NCKCR

8:40 Panel 1: Economics of ceramics in Ancient Cambodia and mainland South East Asia.

9:30 Panel 2: Craft and production in ancient Cambodia and mainland South East Asia.

Tea Break

10:30 Panel 3: Appraisal, typology and chronology of ancient Khmer ceramics.

11:30 Discussion

12:00 Lunch

14:00 Panel 4: Chronology of Khmer ceramics.

15:00 Panel 5: Revitalization of ceramic production in Cambodia.

Tea Break

16:00 Panel 6: Contemporary ceramic production and slowing the illicit trade of antiquities.

16:30 Discussion

16:50 -17:00 Closing by Dr. Philippe Peycam, CKS

Optional dinner

Saturday, December 15, 2007

8:30 - 10:30 Visit to the ceramics workshop and ancient kiln reconstruction at the National Center for Khmer Ceramics Revival

If you wish to participate, please fill in the short attendance form attached, and email it no later than November 20, 2007 to conference@khmerstudies.org.

FURTHER INFORMATION

PARTICIPATION FEES

This conference is part of the wider not-for-profit International Khmer Ceramics Festival. It has therefore been necessary to apply a nominal participation fee to the conference as follows:

\$50 US per participant (both presenting and not presenting)

Concessions

\$30 US for students

FREE for Cambodian citizens

The fee is payable at the registration desk outside the conference hall, on arrival to the conference.

Payment should be made by cash only, in US dollars.

Inclusions

The participation fee includes:

Transportation to the optional visit on Thursday December 13.

Two tea breaks and buffet lunch on Friday December 14.

Visit to the ceramics workshop on Saturday December 15.

FOR CAMBODIAN CITIZENS ONLY:

Return transportation to Siem Reap and two nights accommodation in Siem Reap.

Exclusions

Participants will need to bear the following expenses themselves:

Cocktail reception drinks on Thursday December 13.

Any applicable entry fees for the optional visits (please see below for further information).

All transportation costs (except for the optional visits)

All accommodation costs.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations should last for a maximum of 20 minutes.

The following equipment will be available:

PC Laptop (with USB and CD drives)

Overhead projector

Slide projector

LCD Projector (for powerpoint presentations)

Laser pointers

Microphones

You are welcome to email a copy of your presentation to conference@khmerstudies.org to be used as backup in case of a technical failure.

Facilities for participants at the conference

Participants will have access to the library office where the following facilities and materials will be available to them:

- Computer (including access to email and internet)
- Black and white printer
- Photocopying machine
- Scanner
- Overhead transparencies
- Paper for copying and printing

OPTIONAL VISITS DURING THE CONFERENCE

Some optional excursions will be offered during the conference, including a visit to a ceramics workshop at the National Centre for Khmer Ceramics Revival and two ancient khmer sites. Further information will be provided at the conference and visits may be subject to change.

A very good source of further information on all the following details can be found at <http://www.canbypublicatoin.com/siemreap/srhome.htm>
This website also includes a very good detailed map of Siem Reap.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference will be held at the Center for Khmer Studies (CKS) conference hall. CKS is located within the grounds of Wat Damnak pagoda, close to the old market (Psar Chas) in the southern part of town.



TRANSPORT TO THE CONFERENCE

Your hotel should be able to arrange pickup from the airport or bus station if you tell them your arrival time, as well as arrange transportation to the conference and around town. Motorbike and tuk-tuk taxis can also be flagged down on any street.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

Siem Reap has an international airport, serviced by the following airlines:

- AirAsia (Kuala Lumpur)
- Air Macau (Macau)
- Angkor Airways (Hanoi, Taipei-Taiwan Taoyuan)
- Asiana Airlines (Seoul-Incheon)
- Bangkok Airways (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi, Chiang Mai [starts 29 October 2007])
- China Eastern Airlines (Kunming)
- China Southern Airlines (Guangzhou) [starts October 2007]
- Jetstar Asia Airways (Singapore)
- Kampuchea Airlines (Phnom Penh)
- Korean Air (Seoul-Incheon)
- Lao Airlines (Pakse)
- Malaysia Airlines (Kuala Lumpur)
- PMTair (Hanoi, Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville, Utapao)
- President Airlines (Phnom Penh)
- Royal Khmer Airlines (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Phnom Penh)
- Royal Phnom Penh Airways (Phnom Penh)
- Siem Reap Airways (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi, Phnom Penh)
- Singapore Airlines
- SilkAir (Singapore)
- Vietnam Airlines (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City)

The following airlines service Phnom Penh airport.

- AirAsia (Kuala Lumpur)
- Thai AirAsia (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi)
- Angkor Airlines (Taipei-Taiwan Taoyuan)
- Asiana Airlines (Seoul-Incheon)
- Bangkok Airways (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi)
- Cathay Pacific
- Dragonair (Hong Kong)
- China Airlines (Taipei-Taiwan Taoyuan)
- China Southern Airlines (Beijing, Guangzhou)
- EVA Air (Taipei-Taiwan Taoyuan)
- Far Eastern Air Transport (cargo) (Taipei-Taiwan Taoyuan)
- Jetstar Asia Airways (Singapore)
- Korean Air (Seoul-Incheon)
- Malaysia Airlines (Kuala Lumpur)
- President Airlines (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi, Ratanakiri)
- PMTair (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi, Hanoi, Ratanakiri, Siem Reap, U-Tapao)

- Royal Khmer Airlines (Seoul-Incheon)
- Royal Phnom Penh Airways (Ratanakiri, Siem Reap)
- Shanghai Airlines (Shanghai-Pudong)
- Siem Reap Airways (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi, Hong Kong, Siem Reap)
- Singapore Airlines
- SilkAir (Singapore)
- Thai Airways International (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi)
- Transmile Air Services (Penang)
- Vietnam Airlines (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Vientiane)

Siem Reap can be reached from Phnom Penh either by air connection or by air-conditioned coach. The journey by coach takes about 4-5 hours, costing between \$4-\$10, depending on which company you travel with.

Visa requirements:

Tourist visas are available on arrival at Siem Reap and Phnom Penh airports, as well as other overland ports of entry. They cost \$20 US and are valid for one month. Please check with your embassy regarding visa requirements for your nationality.

ACCOMMODATION

A wide variety of accommodation is available in Siem Reap, ranging from clean and comfortable \$3 fan rooms to high end hotel options, all within easy reach of the conference. One source of further accommodation information is <http://www.canbypublications.com/siemreap/srhome.htm>

Some options near CKS are listed below. If you would like assistance with making reservations or obtaining further information, please contact conference@khmerstudies.org.

Golden Banana: \$18-25. <http://www.golden-banana.com>, info@golden-banana.com
Clean, a/c and fan, bungalow-style rooms in a garden setting. Located in a quiet neighborhood. Friendly, very competent staff. Rooftop terrace with cable TV. Restaurant. Breakfast included. Within easy walking distance of the Old Market.
Tel: 012-885366

Golden Temple Villa: \$10 - \$25, www.goldentemplevilla.greatnow.com, temple_angkor@hotmail.com
New, villa-style guesthouse/hotel in a quiet area. Nicely appointed rooms with 21 inch TVs, a/c (or fan), mini-bar, hot water wood furniture and some decor. International restaurant rooftop bar.
West of Old Market area
Tel: 012-943459

Green Village Palace: \$25-30. <http://www.greenvillagepalace.com>, geoff@greenvillagepalace.com
Garden setting, view of crocodile farm next door, a/c, cable TV, furniture, mini-bar, hot water, bathtub. Restaurant and rooftop bar with music. 10% reservation discount.
Tel: 063-760623

Two Dragons Guesthouse: \$15-25. <http://www.talesofasia.com/cambodia-twodragons.htm>, twodragons@talesofasia.com
14 immaculately clean rooms, some with a/c, hot water, cable TV. Thai restaurant. Relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Cold beer. Excellent source of information. War Bo area
Tel: 012-868551

Bopha Angkor: \$38-58, www.bopha-angkor.com, bopharesa@everyday.com.kh
Nicely decorated rooms with all amenities including a/c, cable TV, mini-bar and hot water. Some rooms with private balcony. Fine Cambodian/international restaurant. Swimming pool.
East side of Siem Reap River
Tel: 063-964928

Borann, l'Auberge: \$33-44, www.borann.com, borann@bigfoot.com
20 rooms. Nice rooms with veranda, set in a lush garden in a quiet area. Swimming pool. Restaurant. French and English spoken.
Tel: 063-964740

City River: \$25-85, www.cityriverhotel.com, info@CityRiverHotel.com
59 rooms and suites. Finely appointed rooms with all amenities and a centrally located, picturesque riverfront location. Safe deposit boxes. Elevator. International restaurant. Internet service.
Tel: 063-763000, 012-382222

La Noria Hotel: \$29-39, lanoria@bigfoot.com
Quaint rooms with private veranda in garden setting. French/Khmer restaurant. Traditional shadow puppet show every Wednesday. Popular. Good reviews. Lots of information and tourist services. Swimming pool. French and English spoken.
Tel: 063-964242

Passaggio Hotel: \$39-59, www.passaggio-hotel.com, info@passaggio-hotel.com
Large rooms and suites, all with full amenities: a/c, cable TV, fridge, nice furnishings and decor. Rooftop restaurant. Travel agent (Lolei Travel). Good reviews. Swiss management.
Tel: 063-760324

Royal Crown Hotel: \$45-60, www.royalcrownhotel.com.kh, rch@online.com.kh
Near to Wat Damnak, includes breakfast. 44 rooms equipped with luxurious wood furniture, air conditioning, a cable TV with satellite programs and an IDD phone. The bathroom has a bathtub with hot & cold water.
Tel: 063. 760 316

Angkor Village: \$80-170, www.angkorvillage.com, info@angkorvillage.com
Unique, superior. Traditional wooden houses with all amenities in a manicured garden setting. Restaurant. Swimming pool. Nightly traditional dance performances at Apsara Theater. Please ask for the "Old" Angkor Village, rather than the "resort", as that is within walking distance of CKS.
Tel: 063-963561

Grand Hotel D'Angkor: \$310-1900, emailus.grandhotel@raffles.com
131 rooms. The most elegant hotel in town. A fully restored 75 year old classic. Spa.

Tennis. Swimming. Restaurants. Bars. A variety of restaurants, cafés and pubs.
Business center. Nightly traditional performances.
Tel: 063-963888

Hotel de la Paix: \$300 - \$750, www.hoteldelapaixangkor.com,
sm@hoteldelapaixangkor.com

A classic Siem Reap hotel created anew in stunning arte deco style. 107 beautifully appointed rooms and suites with hardwood floors and all of the most modern amenities including wireless internet and iPod music system. Luxury spa, fine restaurants, wine cellar, and pubs. Gymnasium, swimming pool, jacuzzi, conference room.
Tel: 063-966000

Victoria Angkor Hotel: \$285-440, www.victoriahotels-asia.com,
resa.angkor@victoriahotels-asia.com

120 rooms/10 suites. Wooden floors, stylish furniture, fabrics and original decorative artifacts, most with balcony facing the swimming pool. Jacuzzi and spa. Restaurants and bars. Boutique. Business center.
Tel: 063-760428

FOOD

A reputable caterer will be providing two tea breaks and a buffet lunch on Friday December 14. Non-meat options will be available. Please let us know about any other dietary requirements you may have in the attached attendance form.

Plenty of restaurants are located near the conference and throughout town for other meals, with a wide variety of price options available. Halal and vegetarian restaurants are available.

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

The organizers of this conference are all involved in the study and preservation of Khmer culture in some way. Further detailed information can be found on their respective websites:

Centre for Khmer Studies (CKS):
<http://www.khmerstudies.org/index.htm>

The National Center for Khmer Ceramics Revival
<http://www.khmerceramics.com>

This center is organising the International Khmer Ceramics Festival, of which the conference is a part.
(http://www.khmerceramics.com/IKCF/program_uk.htm)

Heritage Watch
<http://www.heritagewatch.org>

CONTACT DETAILS AND ENQUIRIES

Please feel free to contact the conference co-ordinator, Miss Suzanne Freilich, who will be able to assist you with any queries:

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