

## Tenth Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub Committee on Culture



ASEAN Delegates in the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN-COCI SCC

(Siem Reap, Cambodia, 20-21 November 2008) The 10th Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub-Committee on Culture was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, from 20-21 November 2008. The meeting discussed the project proposals to be put forward for the 44th ASEAN-COCI's endorsement next year. There were 15 project proposals, comprising the 11th SCC meeting, two projects in series, and 12 new project proposals.

H.E. Mr. Samraing Kamsan, from Cambodia, Under Secretary of State and Vice Chairman of ASEAN National COCI of Cambodia, welcomed all delegates to Siem Reap. In his welcome address, he underlined the important role of the SCC in prioritizing its project proposals in line with ASEAN's priorities. He wished the Meeting a success. For the full speech of Mr. Samraing Kamsan, please click [here](#).

In his keynote speech, H.E. Mr. Him Chhem, Minister of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia, mentioned the history and cultural heritage of Siem Reap. He said the 10th Meeting of the SCC not only provides a great opportunity to discuss cultural cooperation but also to gain more knowledge of the heritage of the Angkor civilization through cultural visits. For the full speech of Mr. Him Chhem, please click [here](#).

The meeting was chaired by H.E, Mr Samraing Kamsan, Under Secretary of State and Vice Chairman of ASEAN National COCI of Cambodia. Mr Hari Untoro Drajat, Director General for History and Archeology, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Indonesia, was the Vice Chair.

After a thorough discussion, the Meeting agreed to endorse to the ASEAN-COCI to fund one annual meeting of this Sub-Committee, two series and four project proposals to be implemented in financial year 2009/2010, which will span one and a half years.

In conjunction with the 10th SCC, a special meeting was held between ASEAN Member States and China. The Working Groups of the Senior Officials Responsible for Culture and Arts had requested the host, Cambodia, to invite the Plus 3 countries and India in order to discuss project proposals for funding by these dialogue partners. Only China responded; they sent Dr Shao Yiwu, Counsellor, Bureau of External Cultural Relations, Ministry of Culture. At the special meeting, four projects were proposed for funding by the ASEAN-China fund. Dr Shao said he will bring them back to Beijing for China's consideration.

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