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**AMBASSADOR VISITS AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGISTS RESEARCHING ANGKOREAN RUINS  
AT LONGVEK, KAMPONG CHNANG**

On 9 December, the Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, Angela Corcoran, will visit an excavation site at Longvêk in Kampong Chnang, the site of Cambodia's ancient capital in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

An international team, led by Australian researchers from Flinders University in Adelaide and funded by the Australian Research Council, is conducting the first systematic archaeological investigation of Cambodia's 'Middle Period'- the four centuries of Cambodian civilisation following the decline of Angkor (1350-1750). The project is also receiving support from the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts and the Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties in Japan.

"We welcome the close collaboration between Australian and Cambodian archaeologists to research and raise awareness of Cambodia's rich history," the Ambassador said.

This research is critical to identifying when and how the movement of Cambodia's capital away from Angkor occurred. The Ambassador will meet with Dr Martin Polkinghorne, a Chief Investigator for the project and the director of the University of Sydney Robert Christie Research Centre in Siem Reap to learn more about the research links between Flinders University and Cambodia.

"Australian universities are world-renowned for their research capability. This project is a great example of Australian innovation making a real difference for countries in our region," Ambassador Corcoran said.

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