

A Delegation Headed by H.E. Dr. Sok An to Attend the Opening Ceremony of New Angkor Culture Heritage Exhibition in Japan

Invited by Okada Cultural Foundation, **H.E. Dr. Sok An**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in Charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, accompanied by **Lok Chumteav Mrs. Annie Sok An** and members of delegation departed from Phnom Penh at night of the 23rd December 2009 to participate in the opening ceremony to exhibit Khmer cultural-artistic antiques in Tokyo, Japan.

The exhibition is known as New Angkor Culture Heritage Exhibition, which is scheduled for 2 years, starting from the 21st of August 2009 to the 23rd of January 2011 and to be displayed in 10 different places in Japan.

Delegates accompanying the Deputy Prime Minister to take part in the event include **H.E. Mr. Thong Khon**, Minister of Tourism; **H.E. Mr. Chuch Phoeun**, Secretary of State of Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts; and other involved officials. During his 6-day visit in Japan, from the 23rd to 28th of December 2009, the Deputy Prime Minister and his delegation will meet with Japanese investors and mass media. It is worth mentioning that upon the request by the Okada Cultural Foundation, the Royal Government of Cambodia agrees to let antiques and artistic objects be brought from the National Museum and some other of archeological exhibition places to be exhibited to Japanese public so that they will learn about Khmer culture and civilization.