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Lok Chumteav,

I am very pleased to learn of the excellent new initiative of the Nginn Karet Foundation for Cambodia to create an Academy of Art in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor.

This will be the first Academy of Art in Banteay Srei District of Siem Reap Province and will benefit those under-privileged young people who have not been able to pursue higher education and give them accesss to quality vocational training.

I have been following the wonderful endeavours of the Nginn Karet Foundation for Cambodia since its origin and am very appreciative of all the hard work, dedication and continued efforts of the charity that, for 20 years, brought much needed sustainable development programs to 14 villages in Banteay Srei District. These programmes have directly helped the lives of over 25,000 people.

I am equally proud of the unique Conservatoire of traditional Dance and Music "Preah Ream Buppha Devi NKFC" that produced a landmark dance troupe in Siem Reap "The Sacred Dancers of Angkor".

It is with great pleasure that I lend my support to the forthcoming "Twenty Years On Fundraising Gala Angkor Revisited 20" at the prestigious Victoria and Albert Museum in London on 5th November 2019.

I would like to thank the Honorary Committee of the Gala, Trustees, Members, loyal Friends of NKFC and all the Benefactors and Sponsors who are passionate about art, the plight of children, investing or having an interest in Cambodia who are generously responding to this important call to bring this worthwhile project to life, supporting the hopes of innocents eager to have a decent place in society.

Lastly, I wish you all good health, happiness, prosperity and a big successs in all your efforts.

Mendpenghamm

Phnom Penh, LA May 2019