

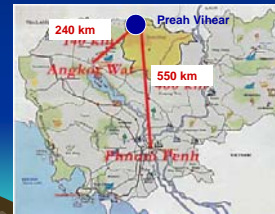
**PREAH VIHEAR
THE WORLD HERITAGE SACRED SITE**
Inscribed on the list of Patrimony of Humanity
on July 7th 2008 at Quebec, Canada.



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1- Geographical location:

- In South East Asia
- In the Kingdom of Cambodia,
- In the Northern part of the province of Preah Vihear,
- on the border of Thailand,
- Along the Dangrek mountain,



2 - The History:

- An open garden dedicated to spiritual worshipping and, holistic hermitage and pilgrimage during 7th -9th century, longtime before the construction of the temple.
- Site with the 3 surrounding mountains representing Hinduism gods: Vishnu, Shiva and Brahma,
- The temple, symbol of "The Light looking to the Empire" was constructed by:
 - king Yaçovaraman the 1st started in IX to X century
 - king Suryavarmam the 1st in XI century,
 - king Suryavarmam the 2nd completed in 12 century.
- A lingua, symbol of god of life reproduction was brought to Preah Vihear from the Khmer temple Wat Phu located in Southern part of Laos also a World Heritage.
- The evolution of religion from Hinduism to Buddhism without conflict has taken place since the pilgrimage period prior adoption of Buddhism by Cambodia,



3 - The Site:

- Top of the mountain at 620 m altitude above sea level, temple is misted between blue sky and white cloud, with temperature range between 24 degrees Celsius to below 12 degrees Celsius at night,
- On the rock promontory with steep slope towards Cambodian side and gentle descent in the direction to Thailand,
- Temple is laid out along its North-South axis, with perspective looking South on vast plain at the Cambodian territory,
- Surrounding: forest and natural environment,
- Average rainfall is 1400 mm/year,



4 - Wealth of Preah Vihear :

- Universal values declared by World Heritage Committee for the following reasons:
 - historical,
 - cultural and spiritual (architecture, religion)
 - site and surrounding landscape, with rock garden

• Potential Resources:

- cultural heritage (temple and hermitage caves),
- natural forest,
- arable land,
- possible untapped resources,
- labor force,



5 - Possible produced wealth from:

- Cultural tourism (historical temple, archeological site),
- Agricultural, and rents from land,
- Forestry potentials,
- Eco-tourism (natural environment, forest and landscape),
- Handicraft, artistic and social values (dances, traditional festivities),



6 - Sustainable Protection and Social Improvement Plan

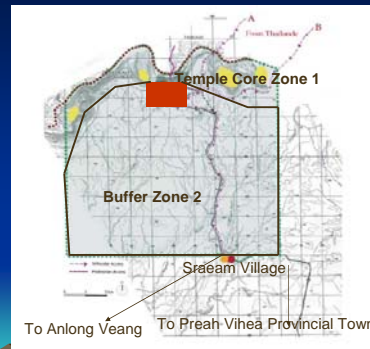
One concept and two objectives whose targets will be:

- Preserve and protect the World Heritage, a patrimony of humanity, as cultural wealth of mankind,
- Transform it into assets to generate resources through appropriate projects leading to social progress, and economic improvement,
- Protection of the temple by creating buffer zones that could be a living environmental park, with fauna, flora and traditional villages,
- Make the buffer zone and the temple site an area of free pollution by optimizing the potentials of available resources in the region,
- Involving the population to participate fully in the process of implementation of the plan, so they can share equitably the benefit generated from enhancement actions,

Finally give the possibility to the poor population to improve their living conditions, at least a minimum food safety net, health care, hope for a better future for themselves and for their children. *This is the road map to narrow the poverty gap.*

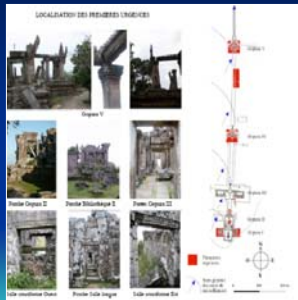


7- Map of Preah Vihea protection zones: nature preservation



- Village Development (historical villages)
- Job Creation,
- Reforestation/ Nurseries, Flower Garden, Medicinal and Spicy Gardens,
- Unpolluted Transport System (electric Train, Oxen Carriage,
- Water Animal riding, Bicycle, etc.)
- Infrastructure and Utilities (Potable, Electricity, Drainage and Sewerage Network),
- Tourist Attractions and related facilities.

8 - Conservation: temple and site restoration and improvement



Archeological work to be undertaken:

- At the Historical Stair Case and Royal access Road
- Access for senior citizens and handicap persons, (funicular and associates works), panoramic platforms, parking area, basic facilities for tourists,

9 - A World wide participation project

A world wide participation project came from the fundamental idea that the World Heritage site of Preah Vihear belongs to Humanity. In this context the Universal values of the Temple and its Cultural Heritage **should be shared by people of the world in particularly be the pride of the Asian nations.**

People loving cultural heritage and human values are invited to participate in the Project whose aim is to preserve the temple and to improve the natural environment, social and economic of the living being in the region.

Upon this philosophy, I wish to propose to friends from all parts of the world and personally to invite my Japanese friends to participate in this project a noble task to preserve and safeguard a patrimony of mankind. I sincerely hope that my voice expressing feelings from my heart will be perceived in this memorable occasion and that response from *Friends of Preah Vihear will be spontaneous.*

Coming to the end of my presentation, I would like to express to you my Japanese and world wide friends my gratitude in giving me this opportunity to address to you wholeheartedly my invitation to your participation for the preservation of Preah Vihear and the enlightenment of our civilization, a testament to many generations of mankind to come.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

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