

Director Kawaguchi of the Consular Office of Japan in Siem Reap visited the Sophia University's restoration site of the Western Causeway of Angkor Wat

On June 23, 2022, Director Masaki Kawaguchi of the Consular Office of Japan in Siem Reap visited the restoration site of the Western Causeway of Angkor Wat. Mr. Satoru Miwa, Field Director on Angkor Wat of the Sophia University Asia Center for Research and Human Development, who supervises the site, guided him.

Sophia University, upon request from the Royal Government of Cambodia, has been engaged in restoration works of the Western Causeway of Angkor Wat with the Authority for the Protection of the Site and the Management of the Region of Angkor (APSARA national authority) since 1996 and first phase of the works was completed in 2007. Presently, both Sophia University and APSARA national authority are implementing the second phase that began in 2016. At the site, Cambodian conservation experts are working diligently under a blazing sun.

At the site, they utilized equipment such as cranes that the Government of Japan provided as general cultural grant aid in the fiscal year 2013.

Angkor Wat, the masterpiece of the Khmer architecture, was constructed by King Suryavarman II as a temple dedicated to god Vishnu of Hinduism and as a grave of the King in the early 12th century, and is considered to be the symbol of the nation and its silhouette appears in the national flag.

