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NEW DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR IN ASIAN TRAILS CAMBODIA !

Asian Trails is glad to announce the arrival of Samuel Desmier, the new Deputy Managing Director who join us in Phnom Penh since September 1, 2003. Samuel was formely working in China, then in Bangkok for AsiaJet. We are pleased to welcome Samuel in our team.

PATA Mart Singapore - October 2003

Mr. Jacques Guichandut, Managing Director of Asian Trails Cambodia, as well as the Managing Directors of Asian Trails Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, will attend the PATA Mart in Singapore at booth B19 in October 2003. We wish to meet with partners and friends at our stand.

CAMBODIA NEWS

List of Public Holidays for 2003/2004

Here is the official list of Public and Festival Holidays for 2004 signed by Prime Minister Hun Sen.

End 2003	2004
September 24, 2003: Constitution Day	January 1, 2004: New Year's Day
September 25-26, 2003: Bon Pchum Ben Day	January 7, 2004: Liberation Day
October 23, 2003: Paris Peace Treaty	March 8, 2004: International Women's Day
October 30-31 & November 1, 2003: King's Birthday	April 13-14-15, 2004: Khmer New Year
November 7-8-9, 2003: Water Festival	May 1, 2004: Labour Day
November 9, 2003: Independence Day	May 3, 2004: Visakha Bochea
December 10, 2003: Human rights Day	June 18, 2004: Queen's Birthday
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Improvement of the road Phnom Penh-Battambang

The road between Phnom Penh and Battambang has been renovated and is now in very good condition. The 291 kms are covered in about 5 hours.

Bokor Mountains

Due to heavy rains last month, the road to the Bokor Mountains in Kampot Province is for the moment unaccessible.

AIRLINES / BOAT NEWS

Mekong Airlines: Reopening of its flights

Mekong Airlines, which suspended its flights in May during the Sars crisis should re-operate by September 19, 2003 after having been sold to a Malaysian company. They will restart the flights between Phnom Penh and Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Singapore and Hong Kong with Boeing 737-200 and a Fokker, and they expect to open in few months Tokyo, Seoul, Taipei, Kunming, Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi.

Mekong Express Boat will operate on October 1, 2003

The Mekong Express boat is back after 7 months break, with the Phnom Penh-Siem Reap rotation and v-v. The Phnom Penh - Siem Reap will operate every Odd Day and the Siem Reap - Phnom Penh will operate every Even day at 8:00 am. For the Odd month with 31 days, the boat will not operate the Phnom Penh-Siem Reap on the 31 but on the 1st of the following month! The cruise lasts about 4 to 5 hours and soft drinks and snack service are including aboard. The First deck can seat 120 persons and 20 persons on the second deck.

HOTELS & RESTAURANTS NEWS

Hotel in Phnom Penh

* Phnom Penh Hotel will open Mid October 2003 .

Hotel in Siem Reap

* **New General Manager & Chef at Pansea** : Mr. Franz Von Merhart, Director of Operation for Pansea Hotel and Resorts has been appointed *General Manager* at Pansea Hotel since 6 September 2003, in replacement of Mr. Geoffroy de Geyer d'Orth who has been appointed *General Manager* at Pansea Yangon.

The hotel has also a new French Chef, Mr. Philippe Schmidt. We would like to wish all the best to Geoffroy for the future and welcome Mr. Franz Von Merhart and Mr. Philippe Schmidt.

*** Angkoriana Hotel comes with a pool and restaurant**

After 3 months renovation, the Angkoriana comes with a very nice swimming pool located in front of a semi open-air restaurant serving Barbecue, European & Oriental cuisine. The lobby has been also renovated with nice colonial furnitures.

*** The Princess Angkor Hotel is waiting for a new GM**

Since one month, the hotel has no more *General Manager*. Mr Sanit Boonthong who was the former *GM* moved to a new Hotel in Siem Reap - the Angkor Star Hotel -

*** New Angkor Star Hotel: opening October 2003**

As announced Mr. Sanit Boonthong is now the *General Manager* of this new 3 star hotel located in the center. This hotel comes with 60 rooms, a restaurant, 3 bars and a swimming pool.

Hotel in Sihanoukville

*** Sokha Beach Hotel & Resort postpone its opening to October 2003**

The hotel announces its opening for October 2003, slightly later than the date initially announced. We will keep you informed.

We hope you spend a nice summer and welcome back! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support!

Please do not hesitate to contact us should further assistance be needed.

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With kindest regards,
Asian Trails Ltd., Cambodia
Line for Jacques Guichandut