

Preface

We are pleased to report a successful collaboration with Authority for the Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap (APSARA) that 2021 marks the tenth anniversary of the research and restoration project of Western Prasat Top.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your cooperation with our works to H.E. Dr. PHOEURNG Sackona, Minister of Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, H.E. Dr. HANG Peou, Director General of APSARA, H.E. Mr. KIM Sothin, Deputy Director General of APSARA, H.E. Mr. IM Sok Rithy, Director of Department of Conservation of the Monuments in the Angkor Park and Preventive Archaeology and all of related experts of APSARA.

Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties launched the project in Cambodia just after the end of the Cambodian Civil War as a part of international cooperation for cultural reconstruction in Angkor. NABUNKEN decided to promote the projects mainly on the human resource interactions and the archaeological excavation. From 1999 to 2001, NABUNKEN promoted excavation of the A6 kiln at the Tani kiln site with APSARA.

In 2001, we launched the joint research project focused on the Western Prasat Top together with APSARA and we have continuously conducting the research and restoration project of Western Prasat Top in accordance with the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between APSARA, Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties (TOBUNKEN) and NABUNKEN. We believe that we can accomplish the fruitful results with further cooperation with APSARA.

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