

**Sar Neung Khmao vom 29. November 2000**

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### **Mr. Chea Sophara Provided A Location For The Thuringen-Cambodia Association To Make Compost Fertilizer**

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“The participants present at that occasion were Mr. Rumpelcker, First Secretary of the German Embassy in the Kingdom of Cambodia, Mr. Mathias Gessner, the leader of the delegation, representing the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Protection and Environment of the State of Thuringen, Mr. Detlef Gutjahr, representing the City of Erfurt's Public Works and Waste Disposal, Mr. Olaf Schmidt, representing the Institute of Waste Management and Recycling, Mr. Chea Sophara, the Governor of Phnom Penh, as well as the Deputy-Governor of Phnom Penh, and the Chief of the Cabinet, and many other officials.

“On that occasion, Mr. Mathias requested guidance from Mr. Chea Sophara how to cooperate in order to transform the city waste into compost fertilizer that is useful for farming, and how to help solve the city's environmental problems. Mr. Chea Sophara replied that it was not difficult because nowadays PSBK fulfills the duties to collect the waste to dispose it at the Steung Meanchey Site, a piece of land with the

size of 8 hectares, while this is financed by collecting fees from the people. This site belongs to the state, waiting for any partner for cooperation. Mr. Chea Sophara agreed that they would provide the first compost processing location at Stung Meanchey according to Mr. Mathias' proposal, and the money earned from selling compost could be spent to buy materials for helping Cambodian students. The Thuringen-Cambodia Association delegation was very pleased and welcomed this agreement. Mr. Detlef Gutjahr, representing the Association, welcomed Mr. Chea Sophara to be a full member of the Thuringen-Cambodia Association in response to Mr. Chea Sophara's statement, and Mr. Chea Sophara promised that he would cooperate according to the regulations of the Thuringen-Cambodia Association.

“Also, Mr. Detlef Gutjahr provided 5 tonnes of rice as emergency aid to Mr. Chea Sophara, for distribution to flood victims. This donation originates from the donations given by the generosity of workers, students, and other people of Germany to help the Cambodian people.” Sar Neung Khmao, Vol. 1, # 73, 29-30.10.2000