Talk

Conservation and Restoration Works Undertaken by the Ancient Khmers

Lecture in Khmer by Ly Vanna (APSARA Authority)

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One seldom hears that the ancient Khmers paid attention to conservation and restoration work. Only a very few local and foreign scholars specializing in ancient Khmer architecture have become aware that the ancient Khmers did not neglect the need to conserve and restore their cultural heritage and other ancient infrastructures, and have found evidence of various forms and techniques of conservation and restoration that were adopted during ancient times. Here, I would like to present few examples of such ancient conservation and restoration work that I have observed in Angkor, and to begin to develop an understanding of the original ideas and techniques of conservation work of the temples adopted by ancient Khmer people, which in the main are quite different from that of modern conservators and restorers.