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THE KING WILL VISIT KRONENBURG

Purikali - King Kira II and Queen Saramdi will visit the North American kingdom of Kronenburg from 6 to 9 October. The royal couple will be accompanied by the foreign minister Ms Elisbet Yemsawa, the minister of economic development Ms Duwemi Lahudin and the minister of Science and Technology Ms Mina Rajasamura.

His Majesty travelled abroad much more than his predecessors, including his father, king Wasahi II, and his grandfather, king Wasahi I. In the last three years the king visited six countries, China, Australia, East Timor and the FICT countries of Île de Romanhe, Yutyrama and Guelphia.

The ties between the two countries are expected to improve with the visit, especially concerning the commercial relations. The

government has great expectations with the visit, considering the current economic crisis of Kaupelan. Manufactured products, such as bikes and electronics can be exported to Kronenburg. On the other hand, Kronenburg wants to expand its trade in Southeast Asia. Furthermore, tourism can be improved between the countries.

Analysts speculate that some conversation will take place during the visit about the advantages of Kronenburg to join FICT in the near future, but the Kronenburgish opposition is against any discussion about this topic. King Kira stated that he will thank the Kronenburgish support after the earthquake of Sanantonyo in the end of last year. An embassy in Kronenburg is also another point that can be announced by His Majesty during the visit.

Economic Crisis

ECONOMY EXPECTED TO RETRACT THIS YEAR

Purikali – Even after replacing the minister of finance Charles Li by the famous economist Paul Lasahi, former minister of economic development of Puramèsar's Cabinet (2006-2009), the government seems to be unable to revert the tendency of retraction in the economy. Forecast is that GDP in dollars will decrease about 0.5% this year. The poor performance is attributed to the devaluation of huwa and the retraction in the global market. Major contributors to retraction are the primary sector, civil construction and

finances. The industry expects a growth of 4%, pushed by electronics & IT, oil refineries and naval. Despite the two launches of the beginning of the year, car manufacturer Watera faces a reduction in the income of more than 20% and expects a loss of 0.5% due to the decrease of exports.



The New Watera Strider at the Bangkok Auto Show

FICT Members

GUELPHIA, A CLOSE FRIEND

Kingsbury - Guelphia is considered the most important partner of Kaupelan among the FICT countries, not only due to the geographic proximity but also due to common interests, despite the cultural and economic differences. The visit of the royal couple in 2013 and the opening of embassies contributed to these ties. Kaupelanese manufactured and Guelphian agricultural products are traded. Even with the crisis, supermarket shelves in Kaupelan always have Guelphian yoghurt, milk and cheese. Guelphian tourists are more and more common in Kaupelan and, since last year, a growing number of students are sent to Guelphian universities, funded by Kaupelanese government.

Sanantonyo Earthquake

THE OLD CHURCH REBUILT

Sanantonyo - The *Ikresa Hami Syoram* in the district of Saru, partially destroyed by the earthquake of November 3, will be rebuilt, the minister of culture Wisi Tuahi announced yesterday. According to her, the Kaupelanese Institute of Historic Heritage (WAHUDAK) will be in charge of this reconstruction, which will use “the original materials and techniques as much as possible, in order to preserve this ancient building as it was.”



The Church before the earthquake