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Single-engine plane from Germany lands in Phnom Penh **Red roses float from the sky**

Private pilots on a round the world trip in a single-engine Cessna: 28,000 nautical miles, 30 countries and 50 landings in 80 days. At the invitation of the German Foundation for World Population, the crew visits two schools in Cambodia.

On August 9, red roses will float from the skies of Siem Reap International Airport. Two private pilots from Germany, flying around the world in single-engine plane, are making a stopover in Cambodia. The Cessna T206H's fuselage is decorated with pictures of red roses and the name "Marie". Which is a declaration of love from the pilot to his wife. After all, Maria Carstensen will have to stay behind in Germany without her husband for 80 days.

Visit to an AIDS prevention project

Pilot Uwe Thomas Carstensen (60) and his co-pilot Hans Christian Albertsen (59) are not just interested in aeronautical challenges, but they consider themselves ambassadors of international understanding between nations too. At the invitation of the German Foundation for World Population (DSW), they will visit Kampong Kanturt High School and Siem Reap Secondary School on August 10. At these schools, the DSW - in conjunction with its Cambodian partner organisation Indradevi Association - will carry out a sex education project for pupils. This is based on the DSW's Youth-to-Youth concept: Trained young councillors will provide information to people of the same age on sexuality and contraception, in order to protect them from AIDS and unwanted pregnancies.

German ambassador receives the pilots

In Cambodia there is an acute need for sexual education projects: Some 2.6% of the adult population are already infected with HIV. This is the highest figure in Asian countries. The epidemic is spreading rapidly because the majority of Cambodians know hardly anything about HIV/AIDS and the possibilities of

- Two private pilots from Germany, flying around the world in single-engine plane
- 135 flying hours still to complete. Longest flight 2,400 kilometres taking 10.5 hours
- On August 10 the pilots will visit Kampong Kanturt High School and Siem Reap Secondary School by invitation of the German Foundation for World Population (DSW)
- The German ambassador in Phnom Penh, Frank Mann, pays tribute to the work in both the project schools
- Return to Hanover, Germany is scheduled for September 14



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protecting themselves from infection. Education is therefore the best way of preventing young people from becoming infected. The young councillors have in the meantime provided education about sexuality and AIDS in both project schools for thousands of girls and boys.

In Germany, the Carstensens founded the MUT foundation as a charitable trust foundation under the DSW roof. Its income and earnings benefit the DSW's aid projects.

The German ambassador in Phnom Penh, Frank Mann, pays tribute to the work accomplished in both the project schools and Uwe Thomas Carstensen's huge commitment to development projects carried out in partnership: He will be receiving the two round the world pilots on August 10 for a meeting in the embassy.

Pilots en route since the middle of March

Carstensen and Albertsen are the 139th crew since 1924 to fly around the world in a single engine plane. Their flight route took them from Germany via South East Europe, the Middle East, Pakistan, India and South East Asia and right over the Australian continent to Sydney. Then they flew via Indonesia and Vietnam to Cambodia. The next part of their flight will take the Germans to Japan and to the Russian peninsula of Kamchatka. From there they will be flying over the endless expanse of Canada and Greenland and the North Atlantic, before heading back to Europe.

For the whole flight route, the pilots' travel reports, log book entries and background reports about the adventure see www.globeflight-rallye.com

For further information on the German Foundation for World Population, please see www.dsw-online.de/en/.



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