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Press release

Afghanistan. Surviving Treasures

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Today, the Deputy Minister for Information and Culture, Omar S. Sultan, and the Project Manager of the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany, Susanne Annen, signed an agreement in the presence of German Ambassador Werner Hans Lauk on lending 230 archaeological artefacts for display at the exhibition: “Afghanistan. Surviving Treasures. The collection of the National Museum of Afghanistan in Kabul.”

From 11 June until 3 October 2010, Afghanistan’s legendary national treasure will be presented for the first time in Germany at the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn. The spectacular gold, silver and ivory objects bear witness to the significance of the kingdom of Bactria in ancient Afghanistan, a thriving crossroad on the Silk Road that became a melting pot of a wide range of cultural influences from both, East and West.

A highlight of the exhibition are magnificent gold finds from a group of six graves in Tillya Tepe (1st century AD). The Afghan National Treasure is of incalculable artistic, cultural and historical value. It was long thought to have been stolen or destroyed and only recovered in 2004 when the vaults of the presidential palace in Kabul were opened.

For more information on the exhibition please visit: www.bundeskunsthalle.de



From l. to r.: The Deputy Minister for Information and Culture of I. R. of Afghanistan, Omar S. Sultan, German Ambassador, Werner Hans Lauk and the Project Manager of the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany, Susanne Annen
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