

**Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs:
Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities
The First International Symposium (1–2 February 2023, Nara, Japan)**

Programme Schedule

Date: 1 February 2023

Venue: Main Conference Room, 2F, Institute Headquarters in the Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties

Time	Contents
Opening	
10:30 – 10:45	Opening remarks Wataru Iwamoto (Mr) Director-General, IRC
	Shun Shirai (Mr) Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
	Duong Bich Hanh (Ms) Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO Beijing Office
Keynote Lecture	
10:45 – 11:30	Keynote lecture on cultural landscape Makoto Motonaka (Mr) Director General, Nara National Research Institutes for Cultural Properties
11:30 – 11:40	Q&A session
SESSION1: IRCI project “ICH for sustainable cities and communities” and case studies	
11:40 – 11:50	Introduction
11:50 – 12:10	Cambodia: ICH Contributing to SDGs-Angkor Project: Traditional Handicraft & Livelihood Sokrithy Im (Mr) Director, Department of Research Training and Communication, APSARA National Authority (ANA), Cambodia
12:10 – 12:30	Fiji: The role of a traditional bamboo basket, ‘ikata’ making on everyday life and landscape and the resource management of bamboo in Natoaika Village Emosi Caniogo (Mr) Director, iTaukei Institute of Languages and Culture (TILC), Fiji
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 13:50	Malaysia: Intertwining Built Heritage Protection and ICH Safeguarding: Case Study from George Town

	<p>Ming Chee Ang (Ms) General Manager, George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI), Malaysia</p>
SESSION2: Initiatives in the Asia-Pacific regions	
13:50 – 14:10	<p>Vanuatu: Community-based conservation and management of the Chief Roi Mata’s Domain World Heritage site, Vanuatu Meredith Wilson (Ms) Heritage consultant, Australia Christopher Ballard (Mr) Associate Professor, College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University (ANU), Australia</p>
14:10 – 14:30	<p>Tajikistan: The Study of ICH, related to the cultural and natural objects in Tajikistan Dilshod Rahimi (Mr) Head, the ICH Center, The Research Institute of Culture and Information of the Ministry of Culture (RICI), Tajikistan</p>
14:30 – 14:50	<p>Nepal: The role of Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Historic Cities found in "Newar Traditional Art & Craft and Dwelling Culture of the Artisan & Craftsman" Lata Shakya (Ms) Associate Professor, Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University (DMUCH), Japan</p>
14:50 – 15:10	<p>The Philippines: Rice and Rituals in the WHS Rice Terraces of The Philippine Cordilleras Marlon M. Martin (Mr) Chief Operating Officer, Save the Ifugao Terraces Movement (SITMo), the Philippines</p>
15:10 – 15:30	<p>Japan: Correlation between intangible heritage and landscape/environment as cultural infrastructure - In the case of the IWOR concept promoted by the Ainu people in Japan Hideki Yoshihara (Mr) IWOR Development division, Biratori Town Office, The Promotion of Ainu Measures and Policy, Japan</p>
15:30 – 15:40	Break
15:40 – 16:40	Discussion
16:40 – 16:45	<p>Closing remarks Kiichi Oyasu (Mr) Director, Education Cooperation Department, Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU), Japan</p>
16:45	Closing

Excursion

Date: 2 February 2023

Venue: Auditorium in the Nara National Museum

(Available only for on-site participants invited by IRCI)

Time	Contents
10:00	Opening
10:00 – 10:10	Announcements
10:10 – 12:10	Lecture by Nara’s new learning tour promotion council New SDGs learning programmes utilising cultural heritage in Nara
12:10 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Nara National Museum tour
15:00 –	*Free time in the afternoon

Nara is an ancient town that was a capital and gained prosperity from 710 to 794 AD with many temples and shrines, including the oldest existing wooden architecture. Participants will learn about an effort of promoting the city by utilizing cultural heritage through a lecture in the morning followed by a brief tour of Nara National Museum. In the afternoon, participants are free to explore historical city of Nara. IRCI may organize a half-day tour.