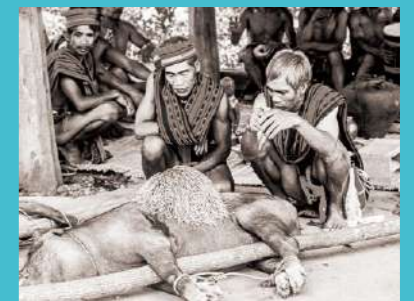


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Greetings

The International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI), one of the institutions of the National Institutes for Cultural Heritage (NICH) of Japan, was established in Sakai City, Osaka in 2011 as a Category 2 Centre of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). IRCI operates as an international research hub, aiming to promote the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (the 2003 Convention) and its implementation, as well as to enhance the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) by instigating and coordinating research in the Asia-Pacific region.

ICH, such as oral traditions and expressions, performing arts, and rituals, is also called living heritage. Transmitted from generation to generation and transformed over time, ICH nurtures cultural diversity, which is a source of innovation, creativity, and exchange. In today's world of increasing globalization, where we face the issues of maintaining cultural diversity and promoting sustainable development, the expectations for the contribution of culture to sustainable development are high. In addition, as mentioned in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the role of ICH including traditional knowledge and cultural practices held by communities for generations should be further recognized.

The Asia-Pacific region, which accounts for two-thirds of the world's population, is the treasure house of ICH. However, this rich cultural diversity is currently endangered by various factors such as social transformation, ageing, disasters, and conflicts. Safeguarding ICH is an urgent issue, and international cooperation is crucial.

To address these concerns, IRCI, as a research hub in the field of ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region, is committed to creating a platform for ICH research and conducting various case studies on practices that address ongoing international issues, including SDGs and Climate Change. These activities are carried out in close cooperation with UNESCO and other related organizations such as universities, research institutes, governmental and non-governmental organizations, museums, and communities worldwide.

As an international institution based in Japan, the forerunner of ICH safeguarding, IRCI will continue its efforts alongside diverse actors to revitalize ICH and promote its safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region by implementing and facilitating relevant research programmes.

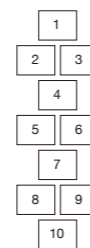
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1. Gamelan, traditional Indonesian percussion orchestra (January 2023, Indonesia)
2. Visit to the Yoshino cedar and cypress forest (September 2023, Nara, Japan)
3. Traditional *Baul* singers in Bangladesh (2022, Manikganj, Bangladesh)
4. Traditional patterned weaving in Kyrgyzstan (©Institute for Sustainable Development Strategy)
5. Pottery in Tailevu, Fiji (©E. Edwards)
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9. Workshop in Siem Reap, Cambodia (March 2024)
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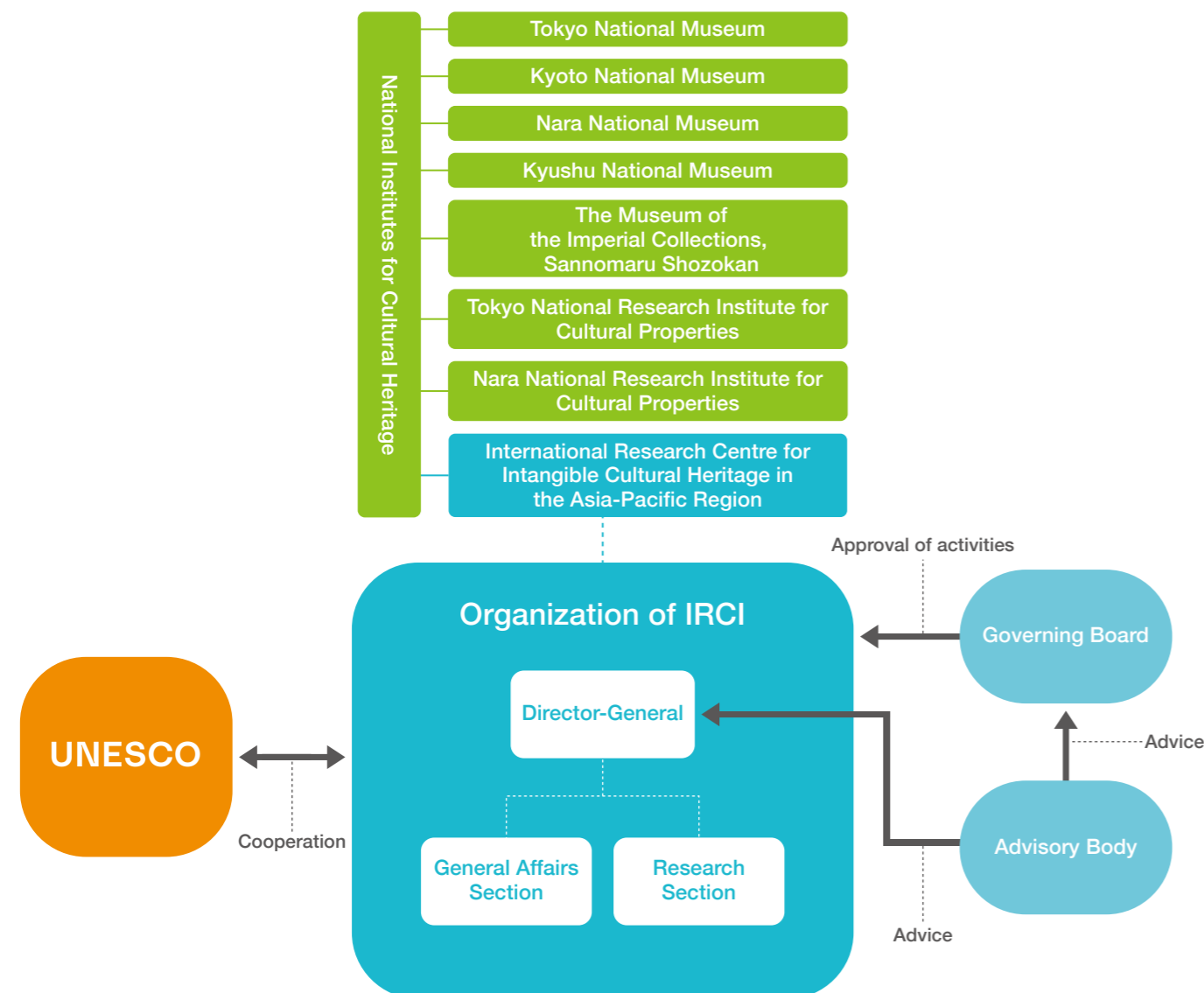


UNESCO Category 2 Centres

Category 2 Centres are institutions that serve to contribute to the achievement of UNESCO's strategic objectives. There are currently eight UNESCO Category 2 Centres around the world, including Japan, in the field of the safeguarding of ICH. In East Asia, in addition to IRCI, there are Category 2 Centres in China and the Republic of Korea, with which IRCI cooperates and works in tandem every so often. The three centres have different mandates: research for IRCI, information and networking for the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IHCAP) in the Republic of Korea, and training for the International Training Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (CRIHAP) in China.

Operation of IRCI

IRCI activities are implemented with the approval of its Governing Board. The Governing Board is made up of ten experts and representatives of specialized institutions inside and outside Japan including a UNESCO representative. The Governing Board deliberates and approves all IRCI activities, including long-term and medium-term programmes, work plans, and reports. In addition, IRCI's Advisory Body provides professional advice when planning research programmes. Furthermore, Mr MATSUURA Koichiro, Former Director-General of UNESCO, was appointed as an honorary adviser of IRCI in October 2017 to provide advice and support concerning the operation of IRCI.



UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded in 1945 for the purpose of promoting international collaboration in the fields of education, science, culture, and communication. Among its activities is the adoption and implementation of the legal instruments such as international conventions. In the field of culture, there are six principal conventions, including the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (World Heritage Convention), which was adopted at the 17th session of the General Conference (1972), and the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, which was adopted at the 33rd session of the General Conference (2005). Among them is the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (the 2003 Convention), which was adopted in 2003, about 30 years after the adoption of the World Heritage Convention which aims to preserve and protect tangible cultural heritage.

The 2003 Convention was the outcome of discussions held at UNESCO since around 1970 on the safeguarding of folklore, including oral traditions and folk arts. The Convention has four objectives: (1) to safeguard intangible cultural heritage; (2) to ensure respect for the intangible cultural heritage of the communities, groups and individuals concerned; (3) to raise awareness at the local, national and international levels of the importance of intangible cultural heritage; and (4) to provide for international cooperation and assistance.

Intangible cultural heritage is defined in the text of the Convention as follows: "practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills – as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated therewith – that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage." (Article 2 (1)). More specifically, they are: (1) oral traditions and expressions, including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage; (2) performing arts; (3) social practices, rituals and festive events; (4) knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe; and (5) traditional craftsmanship. States Parties to the Convention are required to draw up inventories of their own intangible cultural heritage (Article 12).

There are two organs through which decisions regarding the Convention are made. One is the General Assembly of the States Parties, which meets every other year to decide strategic directions to be taken for promoting the objectives of the Convention. The other is the Intergovernmental Committee, which is made up of member states elected by the General Assembly. The Intergovernmental Committee, composed of 24 states, is held once a year and works for the concrete implementation of the Convention. Its most important roles are to deliberate on the inscription on two lists of intangible cultural heritage and to decide on good safeguarding practices of intangible cultural heritage.

In Articles 16 and 17, the 2003 Convention requires the Intergovernmental Committee to establish, keep up to date and publish two lists, namely the "Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" (Representative List) and the "List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding" (Urgent Safeguarding List). The Representative List of the 2003 Convention takes the standpoint of not placing higher value upon one intangible cultural heritage than the other. The Representative List showcases the diversity of intangible cultural heritage of humanity around the world and aims to bring international awareness. In the implementation of the 2003 Convention, more emphasis is placed on the Urgent Safeguarding List than the Representative List, and in this regard, it differs from the World Heritage Convention. The 2003 Convention focuses on the practitioners' daily lives in relation to intangible cultural heritage, thus encouraging the participation of communities to which the practitioners belong (Article 15).

Many member states that have ratified the 2003 Convention currently suffer from poverty, low rates of literacy, a lack of experts, a lack of interest among young people, urbanization, conflict, and war. For this reason, financial and technical assistance in developing legal systems, training of human resources, sustainable education, and so forth are seen as necessary. As particular emphasis is placed on the Urgent Safeguarding List laid forth in Article 17, it follows that an appropriate framework for international assistance and safeguarding measures need to be developed.

IRCI carried out a case study on audiovisual documentation of intangible cultural heritage in danger of disappearing from FY 2012 to FY 2014 through discussions with practitioners of arts and craftsmanship and government officials and in consideration for the needs of their communities. IRCI has since implemented research projects in close cooperation with UNESCO and other related institutions such as universities, research institutes, governmental and non-governmental organizations, museums, and communities worldwide. As a research institution, IRCI aims to share the outcomes of such research with the communities and contribute to safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. This is because, as stated above, the 2003 Convention places strong emphasis on communities, in other words, people who maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage.

What is Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) ?

ICH is living cultural heritage. Being transformed over time, it is transmitted from generation to generation and gives us cultural identity and richness. In the text of the 2003 Convention, the following examples of ICH are provided:

Oral Traditions and Expressions

- 1 Falak, traditional folklore music (Tajikistan)**
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- 2 Pantun, a form of Malay verse (Indonesia, Malaysia)**
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Performing Arts

- 3 Royal ballet of Cambodia (Cambodia)**
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- 4 The art of Bối Chòi in Central Viet Nam (Viet Nam)**
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Social Practices, Rituals and Festive Events

- 5 Kumbh Mela, pilgrimage and festival in Hinduism (India)**
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- 6 Yeondeunghoe, lantern lighting festival on Buddha's birthday (Republic of Korea)**
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Knowledge and Practices Concerning Nature and the Universe

- 7 Nuad Thai, traditional Thai massage (Thailand)**
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- 8 Falconry, a living human heritage (Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, etc.)**
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Traditional Craftsmanship

- 9 Tais, traditional textile (Timor-Leste)**
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- 10 Traditional skills, techniques and knowledge for the conservation and transmission of wooden architecture in Japan (Japan)**
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Activity Focus and Research Projects under IRCI Medium-Term Programme FY 2022–2026

IRCI implements a range of research activities utilizing its network with researchers and institutions within and outside Japan, following the two major activity focuses as set out in the Medium-Term Programme. By implementing various research projects, IRCI will strengthen its function as a research centre for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region.

Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding

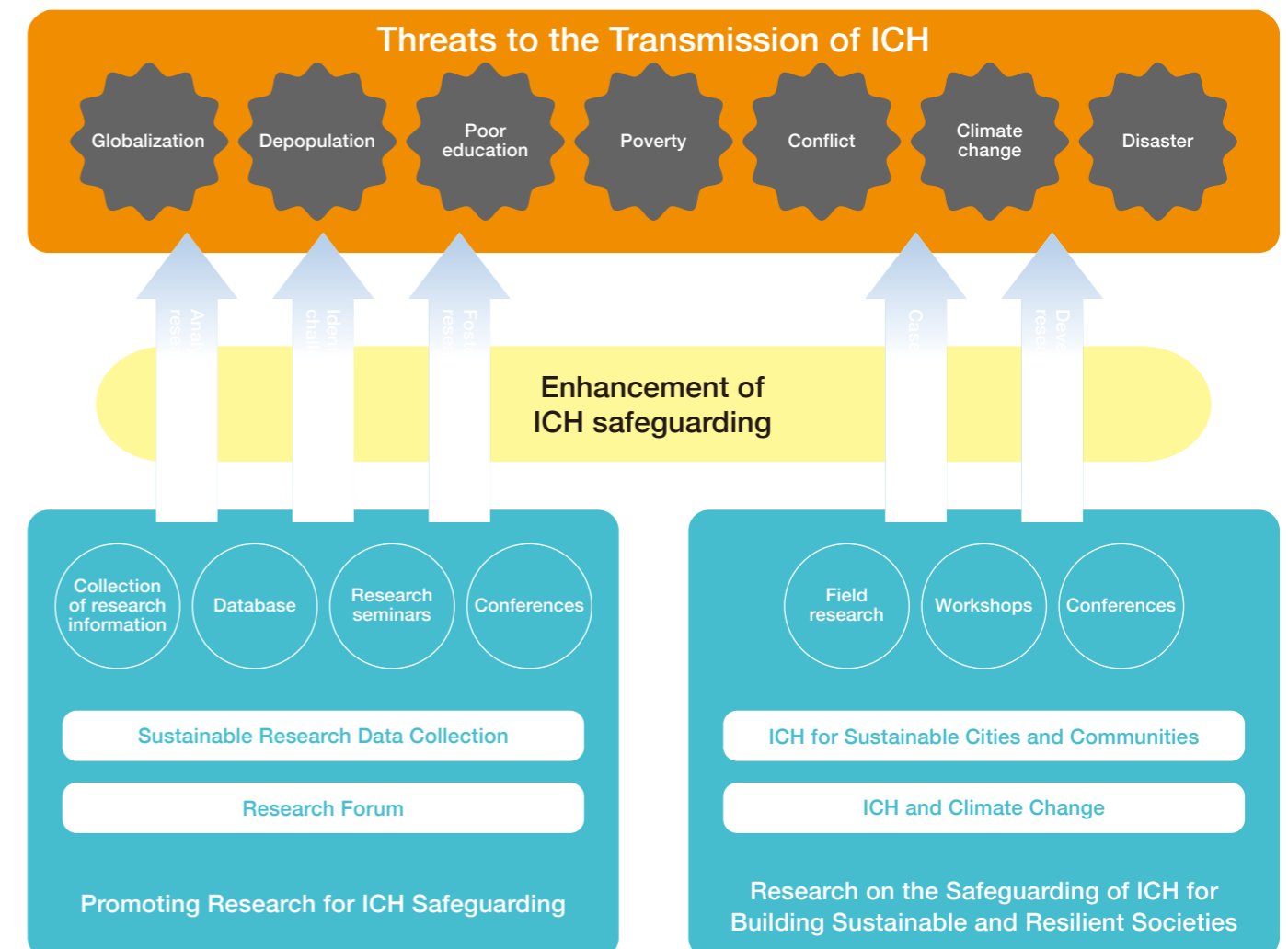
Research plays an important role in promoting ICH safeguarding. The following projects are implemented in FY 2024 to instigate research for ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region.

- 1 Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding: Focusing on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States**
- 2 Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding**

Research on the Safeguarding of ICH for Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies

Practical case studies that address ongoing international issues, such as disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, and SDGs, from the perspective of ICH, are conducted in collaboration with universities, research institutes, and NGOs in the Asia-Pacific region. The following projects are implemented in FY 2024.

- 1 Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities**
- 2 Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region**



Projects in FY 2024

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Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding

Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding: Focusing on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States (FY 2022–2024)

Research information, such as literature related to ICH and its safeguarding, is essential for understanding the current situation and challenges of ICH safeguarding. Therefore, IRCI has been collecting research information contributing to ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region since FY 2013 and making it accessible on the IRCI Research Database. In FY 2019, IRCI launched the project “Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding” to systematically accumulate information through institutional collaboration, and data collection activities were mainly conducted in Southeast Asia. Since FY 2022, the project has shifted its regional focus to Central Asia and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), where the current situation of related research has not been fully understood, to update information on research in these regions.

In FY 2024, full-scale data collection continues in cooperation with partner organizations in four countries in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan), and seven SIDS countries (Fiji, Kiribati, Maldives, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Vanuatu). Partner organizations in Central Asia are conducting activities in collaboration with other ICH-related institutions in their countries. In SIDS, partners are collecting information with a flexible working plan that meets their limited human resources, with the support from IRCI to contend with challenges. Partners are also engaged in the analysis of the information collected during the whole three years to grasp the current situations, trends, and issues concerning ICH research and its safeguarding in their countries, which is expected to stimulate future research activities within the countries and the region, while enhancing international and regional collaboration.

Use of IRCI Research Database

Amid the growing importance of research on ICH and its safeguarding, IRCI has been providing information on publications, researchers, and institutions related to ICH research and safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region through the IRCI Research Database since FY 2014 to share research information in the region widely and promote further research for safeguarding ICH.

The database contains information on various ICH genres, such as oral traditions, performing arts, festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, and traditional craftsmanship, and covers broad research fields and approaches for ICH safeguarding, including documentation, policymaking, education, capacity building, and disaster risk reduction. As of March 2024, approximately 3,450 entries have been registered, covering 50 countries and regions. By providing English abstracts, information written in various Asia-Pacific languages has attracted more users worldwide.

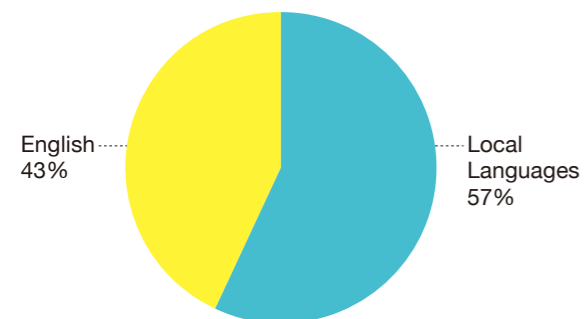


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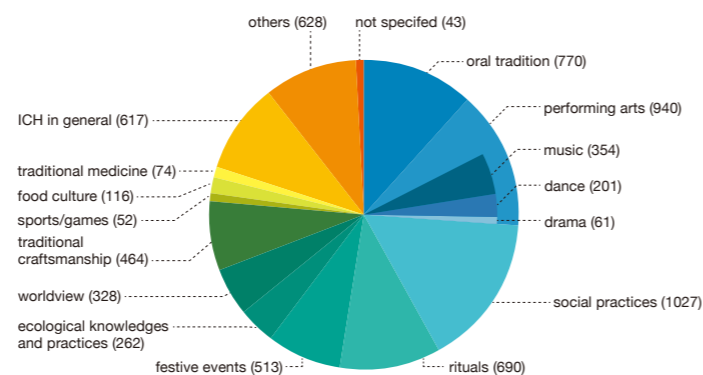
This database has been upgraded several times since its release. IRCI continues to refine the database by improving search functions, advancing usability, and enriching its content for all potential users, such as researchers, experts, students, ICH practitioners, and government officials.

Characteristics of collected articles

Written language of collected articles



ICH Genres Analyzed in collected articles



Related Past Project

Collection and Sharing of Research Information for Safeguarding ICH

Information on available literature, researchers, research institutions, and research activities related to ICH is crucial for safeguarding ICH. However, such information is scattered across the region and countries, and thus, difficult to grasp. IRCI started collecting information on ICH research through the Mapping Project from FY 2013 to understand the state of research and to identify challenges for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region, while making the collected information accessible on the IRCI Research Database. In order to collect research information more systematically, IRCI launched the Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region project, in which research information was collected consecutively from FY 2019 to FY 2021 in cooperation with research institutions such as universities and NGOs in various countries, mostly in Southeast Asia.



The First Working Group Meeting (June 2019, Tokyo, Japan)

Apart from collecting information, related activities such as meetings and workshops were also organized inviting cooperating researchers, institutions, and ICH experts, which contributed to the enhancement of sharing information on the current status and challenges of ICH research in the Asia-Pacific region.



● Surveyed countries and region by FY 2018 (31 countries and a region)

● Countries where partner organizations on “Sustainable Research Data Collection” project from FY 2019 are located (18 countries)

Projects in FY 2024

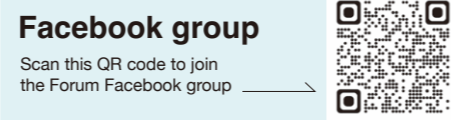
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Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding
Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding (FY 2022–2026)

With a mission to promote research for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region, IRCI has carried out international conferences such as researchers' forums and expert meetings to strengthen regional collaboration among researchers by providing opportunities for multidisciplinary discussions.

In FY 2022, IRCI established the Asia-Pacific Research Forum for Safeguarding ICH as a platform for interaction among the researchers and research institutions involved in ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region, to further invigorate research activities and enhance international collaboration, while strengthening IRCI's role as a research centre for safeguarding ICH in the region. The Forum, with the advice and cooperation of the planning committee composed of leading experts in the region, has planned and organized research seminars, international conferences, and other events that reflect the common needs and interests in the region. Currently, a Facebook Group is being used as a place for IRCI to disseminate information about the Forum events and programmes and for researchers to interact and share information with each other.

In FY 2024, the Forum will hold its first international conference since its launch and a programme for early career researchers while continuing to offer online seminars. The international conference is dedicated to academic and interdisciplinary discussions on new approaches and methodologies, as well as emerging issues and challenges, in ICH research and safeguarding in the region. The programme for early career researchers provides support for the preparation and publication of professional research papers through online and face-to-face workshops, paper writing sessions, and opportunities to present at the conference and interact with leading experts, thereby contributing to nurturing the next generation of researchers leading the field of ICH.



Online Seminars for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) in the Asia-Pacific Region

Since its launch in 2022, the Forum has continuously hosted research seminars that are open to all interested parties and individuals using an online platform. A wide range of speakers, including researchers, government officials, museum staff, and ICH practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region, are invited depending on the topic to discuss various issues related to ICH in the Asia-Pacific region.

For FY 2022 and FY 2023, three seminars were held annually, covering a variety of topics related to ICH safeguarding and research, including the community involvement, good safeguarding practices, climate change, and comprehensive approaches to safeguard urban heritage. In FY 2023, the special seminar dedicated to the 20th anniversary of UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage was programmed as two separate sessions. Session 1 to look into the future of ICH safeguarding by reflecting on the 20 years of the Convention from various perspectives and standpoints, and Session 2 to have dialogue with bearers of ICH inscribed on the Lists of the Convention to learn from their experiences on the ground in safeguarding their ICH after inscription, were both well received. For FY 2024, two seminars are planned to address the theme of ICH and climate change. This online seminar series will continue to contribute to the invigoration of research by inviting lecturers and experts working within and outside the framework of the Convention to discuss a wide range of topics from various perspectives, including the current situation and efforts of ICH safeguarding in the region and the latest research trends.

Audiovisual recordings of previous seminars are available on IRCI's YouTube channel.



Special Seminar Session 1 (October 2023)



Special Seminar Session 2 (November 2023)

Past online seminars

FY	Series	Topics
2022	1st	Community Involvement in ICH research
	2nd	Intangible Cultural Heritage in a Climate of Emergency
	3rd	Learning from the Initiatives of Good Safeguarding Practices in the 2003 Convention
《Special Seminar》20 Years of the 2003 Convention: Retrospect and Prospect		
2023	4th	I. Advancement of the Safeguarding of ICH: the 2003 Convention and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding of ICH: 20 years after the adoption of the 'Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage' • Two Conventions One Paradigm (Intangibles) • 20 Years of the 2003 Convention: Achievements and Recent Developments • Safeguarding ICH in Papua New Guinea: A Reflection on 20 Years of Work at the Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies • Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Maldives: Progress and Challenges • Intangible Cultural Heritage in Australia: Federalism and the Lure of Indigeneity
	5th	II. Dialogue with the Bearers of ICH Elements on the Lists of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baul songs in Bangladesh (Representative List) • Sand drawings in Vanuatu (Representative List) • Mongol Biyelgee, Mongolian Traditional Folk Dance & Folk Long Performance Technique of Limbe Performances in Mongolia (Urgent Safeguarding List) • Falconry, a Living Human Heritage, in Kazakhstan (Representative List - Multinational)
	6th	Synergizing Cultural Heritage in the Multicultural Urban Context of George Town

Related Past Project

IRCI Researchers Forum

Under the Mapping Studies on the Safeguarding of ICH Project focusing on collection and analysis of research information on ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region, IRCI held a series of expert meetings to encourage discussions among ICH researchers in the region. Building upon these discussions, IRCI started to organize the IRCI Researchers Forum on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region biennially since FY 2017 to strengthen the network of researchers and provide a foundation for academic discussions. The past forums facilitated inter-disciplinary discussions focusing on specific themes: the first forum co-organized by the National Museum of Ethnology was titled "Negotiating Intangible Cultural Heritage", and the second forum co-organized by the Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties was on "Perspectives of Research for Intangible Cultural Heritage towards a Sustainable Society".

Marking the 10th anniversary of the establishment of IRCI, the third forum titled "Progress and Challenges in the Research for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage—Towards a Sustainable Future—" was held online on 29 October 2021. Reflecting on IRCI's research activities, the forum facilitated discussions from various viewpoints on the progress of ICH research in the past ten years and the prospects for further research in the future.



The First Researchers Forum "Negotiating Intangible Cultural Heritage" (December 2017, National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan)



The Third Researchers Forum "Progress and Challenges in the Research for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage -Towards a Sustainable Future-" (October 2021, Online)

Projects in FY 2024

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Research on the Safeguarding of ICH for Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies
Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities (FY 2022–2024)

We are now halfway through the target period of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were adopted in 2015 as common goals to be achieved by the international community by 2030. Since FY 2018, IRCI has been implementing research projects that highlight the significance of ICH in the context of SDGs. In FY 2022, IRCI began to focus on SDG target 11.4, which is to strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage for sustainable cities and communities. In cooperation with research institutions in the Asia-Pacific region, case studies have been conducted in Cambodia, Malaysia, and the Marshall Islands to investigate how tangible and intangible cultural heritage shapes the cultural and historical landscapes of communities and, in particular, how ICH plays a role in developing and maintaining sustainable cities and communities.

Case studies are underway to explore topics such as the traditional crafts among the local communities in the Angkor region of Cambodia, local ICH among the communities in the multicultural historic city of George Town, Malaysia, and the navigation skills and traditional knowledge rooted in the island environment of the Marshall Islands. At the same time, the project has provided opportunities for discussion and exchange concerning the issues related to the safeguarding, transmission, and utilization of cultural heritage by organizing workshops and symposia, which emphasized that ICH has been an integral part of cultural heritage and that sustainable cities and communities would not be achieved without reconsidering the interaction between the tangible and the intangible. In FY 2024, an international symposium will be organized to share the outcomes of project activities during these three years and to summarize the project. It aims to promote holistic and community-based approaches to the safeguarding of cultural heritage through the discussion on the role of ICH in achieving SDG 11.4 based on the results of the case studies.



Traditional rattan crafting in the Angkor region (2023, Siem Reap, Cambodia)
 ©APSARA National Authority 2023



An outrigger canoe representing the navigation skills and knowledge rooted in the island environment (2023, Marshall Islands)
 ©Pastifika Renaissance 2023



Interactive dance session during the annual George Town Heritage Celebration commemorating George Town’s inscription as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (2024, Penang, Malaysia)
 ©George Town World Heritage Incorporated 2024

Related Past Projects

Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH’s Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education (FY 2018–2019)

Target 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goal on education (SDG4) encourages the education that helps understand the contribution of culture and cultural diversity to sustainable development. This project investigated how ICH could be incorporated into education and contribute to SDG 4.7, by conducting two case studies in cooperation with cultural and educational research institutions in Viet Nam and the Philippines, focusing on formal and non-formal education respectively.

The guidelines for using ICH as educational tools were developed for each case and applied in actual classroom settings. The result proved that the use of ICH in education helped learners not only acquire the ICH knowledge and skills but also enhance their school performance in general. For educators and cultural practitioners, it became an opportunity to devise a new teaching methodology. It was also effective in fostering learners’ pride and affection towards their community and building cooperative ties among stakeholders.



Subanen traditional songs and dances in practice as a learning programme of the School of Living Traditions (SLT) (August 2019, Lakewood SLT, Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines)



Tugging rituals and games in the experience activities class (October 2019, Hanoi, Viet Nam)

Research on ICH’s Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development (FY 2020–2021)

The use of ICH in education in the previous project demonstrated the possibility that ICH plays a certain role in connecting education and the community. Accordingly, the project from FY 2020 explored its contribution to SDGs 4.7 and 11.4, focusing on the relationship between ICH, education, and community development, in cooperation with NGOs in Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Kyrgyzstan.

Case studies in these countries showed that ICH had been appreciated and transmitted among people regardless of generation and gender, being adapted to the time. This aspect is essential for ICH to foster solidarity and affection towards their community, which is necessary for its development. In addition, education incorporating ICH was also effective in improving learners’ non-cognitive skills such as a sense of discipline and creativity. Also, two symposia were held in January and December of 2021 in which Japanese youth, educators, members of the Japan Junior Chamber, and others, presented their case studies and shared their experiences of developing communities with ICH.



A community museum utilizing Yurt, a traditional nomadic housing in Kyrgyzstan ©Taalim-Forum



Traditional folk song & dance Dhamail in a rural setting in Bangladesh ©DAM



Traditional theatrical performing art Kethoprak in Indonesia ©DFCLC

Projects in FY 2024

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Research on the Safeguarding of ICH for Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies
Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region (FY 2024–2026)

Climate change is an urgent issue that threatens people's everyday lives globally. The increased occurrence of extreme hazards triggered by climate change has caused the transformation of ecosystems and resource shortages, impacting various ICH elements such as subsistence knowledge and practices, craft production relying on locally-grown raw materials, and community rituals closely linked with the local environment.

This project, to be implemented for three years from FY 2024 to FY 2026, aims to investigate the situation of ICH affected in various ways by accelerating climate change. Focusing on coastal and lowland communities in the Asia-Pacific region that are more vulnerable to the impact of climate change, case studies are conducted to explore how ICH would be adapted to drastically changing environments, and what kind of roles ICH could play in climate actions.

Firstly, baseline information will be collected to grasp the current situation and issues related to ICH and climate change. Substantial research will be initiated in FY 2025 with a view to developing community-centered measures and action plans for safeguarding and transmitting ICH and strengthening community resilience, being adapted to the changing environment and ecosystem.



Villagers discuss the impact of disasters on their ICH (2017, Gaua, Vanuatu)

Related Past Projects

Reflecting the increasing global awareness of the disaster risk management of cultural heritage, UNESCO initiated discussions on ICH in emergencies since 2016, which led to the adoption of the 'Operational principles and modalities for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in emergencies'. Concurrently with this trend, IRCI conducted research projects in the Asia-Pacific region on the situation of ICH threatened by disasters triggered by natural hazards or conflicts, efforts to safeguard ICH from disasters, and the role of ICH in disaster risk management.

Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Natural Hazards (FY 2016–2018, FY 2021–2023)

During FY 2016–2017, interviews to the stakeholders and case studies were conducted in Fiji, Myanmar, the Philippines, Vanuatu, and Viet Nam as the first step to understand the situation of ICH in the context of natural hazards and disasters. The Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on ICH and Natural Disasters held in 2018 was an opportunity to discuss intensively the issues related to ICH and natural hazards, and the role of ICH in disaster risk reduction and management. 'Statements and Recommendations for Safeguarding ICH in Disasters and Mobilising ICH for Disaster Risk Reduction', which was the outcome of the final discussion, became the guidelines for the activities that followed.



Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on ICH and Natural Disasters (2018, Sendai, Japan)

The second phase of the activities started in FY 2020 to further discuss specific ways to safeguard ICH and mobilize ICH for disaster risk reduction, in cooperation with researchers and institutions in Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Philippines, Vanuatu, and Viet Nam. At first, a desk survey was conducted using a worksheet to assess the potential risks to ICH at different stages of the disaster risk management cycle and the aspects of ICH that are effective for disaster risk reduction and recovery to be applied for all ICH domains and typical disaster types. This became the basis for field research in FY 2022. The final workshop held in FY 2023 was an opportunity to discuss community-based measures and tools for safeguarding heritage and incorporating ICH for the community's disaster risk reduction.



Group Discussion at the Final Workshop of the Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management Project (2023, Nara, Japan)

Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia (FY 2017–2020)

Armed conflict destroys significant cultural heritage in the affected area. While international frameworks for the protection of 'tangible' cultural heritage damaged by conflicts have been developed, discussions have not progressed for safeguarding ICH in this context. Therefore, IRCI implemented this project to safeguard ICH that was threatened by conflict in Afghanistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste. The project evidenced the difficulties and challenges in safeguarding ICH in conflict-affected situations. Nevertheless, its activities enhanced the understanding of ICH and related research among the collaborators and cultivated knowledge among young researchers.



Interview with local residents (2017, Manufahi, Timor-Leste)

Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic (FY 2021–2023)

The global outbreak of COVID-19, which started at the end of 2019, has dramatically affected human lifestyles in many ways due to prevention measures that restricted social interaction including curfews. In such situations, many ICH elements that were held and transmitted by people were faced with difficulties in continuing their practice, and such emergencies caught worldwide attention. Therefore, research was conducted to investigate the situation of the practice and transmission of ICH during the COVID-19 pandemic in cooperation with institutions and researchers in Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, and the Republic of Korea. At the regional conference held in FY 2023, challenges and opportunities for ICH in the pandemic situation were discussed. Above all, it highlighted the importance of taking a preemptive approach to ensure the viability of ICH by strengthening networks and cooperative relationships among stakeholders through various events and projects to prepare for future pandemics.



Interview with Baul practitioners (2022, Manikgani, Bangladesh)



Interview with a Batik designer (2022, Yogyakarta, Indonesia)

Cooperation with Research Institutes

IRCI promotes research for safeguarding ICH in cooperation with universities, research institutes, museums, government agencies, and NGOs in Japan and the Asia-Pacific region. To date, IRCI has concluded memoranda of understanding with over 40 institutions to implement joint projects, such as field research, collecting information, and organizing international conferences and symposia (see pages 18-19).

IRCI has also strengthened its cooperation with other organizations within the National Institutes for Cultural Heritage, to which IRCI belongs. In the case of the Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management project, for instance, the Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties and the Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Management Center have been contributing to the project with their extensive experiences in the field of disaster risk management of ICH in Japan.

IRCI is further expanding its network and strengthening its cooperative ties with institutions within Japan and abroad to promote research for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region.

Major Cooperative Research Institutes



Public Relations

IRCI releases comprehensive information about its activities and ICH through various media. For instance, the IRCI Brochure is published annually in Japanese and English, and distributed to UNESCO's headquarters and field offices, Category 2 Centres, and National Commissions for UNESCO of the countries in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as research institutes and universities at home and abroad. Information on the projects and activities is regularly updated on the IRCI website (<https://www.irci.jp/>), where major publications such as project reports and proceedings are also available in PDF format. An official Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/IRCI.Official/>) and official YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@IRCI.Official>) were established to disseminate information to a wide range of people.



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Cooperation with Sakai City

IRCI cooperates with Sakai City to promote public awareness of ICH. For instance, panels introducing ICH and IRCI's activities have been displayed at the Sakai City Museum, where IRCI is located. IRCI also cooperates in events, seminars, and symposia organized by the Sakai City Government for the general public to deepen their understanding.



Symposium celebrating the 10th anniversary of IRCI "Discussing the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Sakai" (October 2021, Sakai, Japan) (Photograph: courtesy of Sakai City Museum)



<https://www.youtube.com/@IRCI.Official>



The 34th Seminar for Understanding Intangible Cultural Heritage "Traditional Performing Arts and People's Lives in Java, Indonesia" (August 2022, Sakai, Japan)

Timeline of Research Projects

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
	Medium-Term Programme (FY 2012–2015)				Medium-Term Programme (FY 2016–2021)						Medium-Term Programme (FY 2022–2026)				
	Activity Focus I Mapping Studies on the Safeguarding of ICH				Activity Focus I Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding						Activity Focus I Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding				
											Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding: Focusing on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States				
											Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding (formerly known as: Creation of the Asia-Pacific Regional Hub of Research for the Safeguarding of ICH)				
Mapping Project	International Experts Meetings														
	Literature Survey on ICH Safeguarding Research in the Asia-Pacific Countries														
	Research Data Collection on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region and Optimisation of its Use														
											Activity Focus II Research on the Safeguarding of ICH for Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies				
											Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities				
	Activity Focus II Research for Safeguarding Endangered ICH				Activity Focus II Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management						Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management				
	Documentation of ICH as a Tool for Community-led Safeguarding Activities				Preliminary Research on ICH Safeguarding and the Disaster-Risk Management in the Asia-Pacific Region						Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region				
					Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on ICH and Natural Disasters										
	Safeguarding the ICH for the Promotion of Cultural Identity and Community Resilience in Timor-Leste										Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic				
	Research for Safeguarding ICH on the Verge of Extinction: Vietnamese ICH Element Dong Ho Woodblock Printing				Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia										
	Research for Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflicted States (Sri Lanka)														
	Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region														



Research for Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflicted States (Sri Lanka). Meeting on further cooperation and sharing the final report with Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development (September 2014, Colombo, Sri Lanka)



Research for Safeguarding ICH on the Verge of Extinction. A practitioner of Dong Ho Woodblock Printing in the community (January 2015, Bac Ninh Province, Viet Nam)



Study of Legal Systems related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region. Discussion among experts at the final workshop (December 2016, Hanoi, Viet Nam)



Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH's Contribution to Sustainable Development. A workshop inviting ICH practitioners from the Subanen community (October 2019, Manila, Philippines)

International Meetings and Workshops

Research Data Collection

Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding

- March 2024“Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding” Regional Workshop for SIDS
 February 2024“Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding” Regional Workshop for Central Asia
 February 2023“Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding” Online Working Session for SIDS
 August 2022“Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding” Online Workshop for Central Asia
 January 2022Regional Workshop “Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region”

Mapping Studies on the Safeguarding of ICH

- July 2017International Symposium “Glocal Perspectives on Intangible Cultural Heritage: Local Communities, Researchers, States and UNESCO”
 Co-Organizer: Center for Glocal Studies(CGS), Seijo University, Japan/Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan
 November 2016.....IRCI Experts Meeting on Mapping Project for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region
 December 2015.....IRCI Experts Meeting on Mapping Project for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Countries
 Co-Organizer: Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan
 January 2015.....International Experts Meeting of the Project “Mapping Research on the Safeguarding of ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region”
 Co-Organizer: Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia
 February 2014Preliminary Meeting of the Project “Exploring Research for the Safeguarding of ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region”
 Co-Organizer: UNESCO Bangkok Office, Thailand

Research Forum

Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding

- October-November 2023...Special Online Seminar ‘20 Years of the 2003 Convention: Retrospect and Prospect’

IRCI Researchers Forum on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region

- October 2021The IRCI Researchers Forum “Progress and Challenges in the Research for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage – Towards a Sustainable Future –
 Co-Organizer: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan
 December 2019.....International Researchers Forum “Perspectives of Research for Intangible Cultural Heritage – towards a Sustainable Society”
 Co-Organizer: Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Japan/Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan
 November 2017.....International Symposium “Negotiating Intangible Cultural Heritage”
 Co-Organizer: National Museum of Ethnology, Japan/Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan



International Researchers Forum “Perspectives of Research for Intangible Cultural Heritage - towards a Sustainable Society” (December 2019, Tokyo, Japan)

SDGs

Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities

- March 2024“Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities” The FY 2023 Workshop
 Co-Organizer: APSARA National Authority (ANA), Cambodia
 February 2023The First International Symposium of “Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities”



“Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities” The FY 2023 Workshop (March 2024, Siem Reap, Cambodia)

Research on ICH Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development

- December 2021International Symposium “ICH Contributing to Better Education and Sustainable Communities”
 January 2021International Symposium for Research on ICH’s Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development

Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH’s Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education

- November 2019.....International Workshop for Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH’s Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education
 January 2019IRCI’s International Symposium for Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH’s Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education

Natural Disasters and Disaster Risk Management

Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management

- September 2023Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management Project Final Workshop
 Co-Organizer: Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Management Center, Japan
 August-September 2022 ...Regional Workshop 2022



Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management Project Final Workshop (September 2023, Nara, Japan)

Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Natural Hazards

- December 2018.....Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on ICH and Natural Disasters
 Co-Organizer: Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Japan

Preliminary Research on ICH Safeguarding and the Disaster-Risk Management in the Asia-Pacific Region

- January 2017Preliminary Research on ICH Safeguarding and the Disaster Risk Management in the Asia-Pacific Region: International Working Group Session

Post-Conflict

Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia

- December 2018.....IRCI Meeting for Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia

Research for Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflict States (Sri Lanka)

- December 2015.....Discussion Meeting on Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Sri Lanka

Safeguarding the ICH for the Promotion of Cultural Identity and Community Resilience in Timor-Leste

- October 2013.....Study Tour for ICH Experts of Timor-Leste
 Co-Organizer: UNESCO Jakarta Office, Indonesia

Safeguarding Endangered ICH

Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region

- December 2016.....IRCI Final Workshop on the Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region
 December 2015.....IRCI Second Workshop on the Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region
 December 2014.....IRCI First Workshop on the Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in Southeast Asia
 Co-Organizer: Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, Japan

Research for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage on the Verge of Extinction: Vietnamese ICH Element Dong Ho Woodblock Printing

- January 2015Workshop on the Roles of the Community Centre in ICH Revitalization: A Case Study of Dong Ho Woodblock Printing
 Co-Organizer: Vietnam National Institute of Culture and Arts Studies (VICAS)

Documentation of ICH as a Tool for Community-led Safeguarding Activities

- March 2015Intensive Working Session on ICH Documentation as a Tool for Community-led Safeguarding Activities
 February 2014Workshop for Community’s Young Film Makers for ICH Audio-Visual Documentation
 February 2013Workshop on ICH Documentation as a Tool for Community Safeguarding Activities
 March 2012Intensive Researchers Meeting on Communities and the 2003 Convention

Research on the 2003 Convention

- January 20132013 IRCI Meeting on ICH – Evaluating the Inscription Criteria for the Two Lists of UNESCO’s ICH Convention
 June 2012The First ICH-Research Forum: The Implementation of UNESCO’s 2003 Convention
 Co-Organizer: Maison des Cultures du Monde (MCM), France

Current Status of ICH in Urgent Need of Safeguarding

- August 2012.....International Field School Alumni Seminar on Safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific
 Co-Organizer: Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre (SAC), Thailand

Symposiums in Cooperation with Sakai City, Osaka, Japan

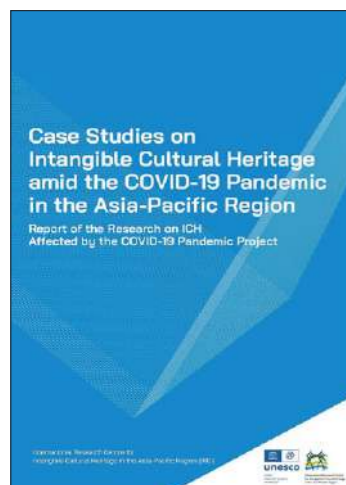
- November 2016.....2016 International Symposium on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region “Transmitting Art and Spirit of ICH”
 Co-Organizer: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan/Sakai City
 August 2013.....International Symposium in Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of ICH
 Co-Organizer: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan/Sakai City
 February 2013Symposium on ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region “ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region – Current Status and Important Issues”
 Co-Organizer: Sakai City
 October 2011.....IRCI Opening Commemorative Symposium
 Co-Organizer: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan/Sakai City

Reports and Publications

*Some publications are available for download on the website https://www.irci.jp/report_publication/

Case Studies on Intangible Cultural Heritage amid the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Asia-Pacific Region (Report of the Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic Project [FY 2021–2023])

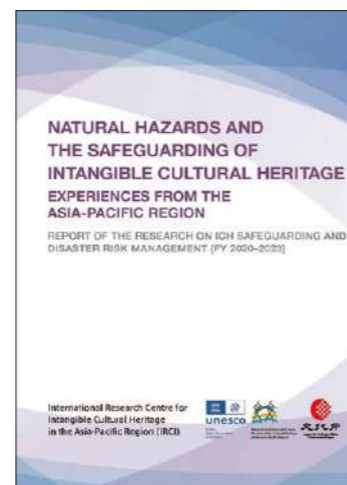
(English, April 2024, 150 pages) ISBN-978-4-9909775-8-0*



This is the final report of the “Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic” project conducted in FY 2021–2023. It summarizes the project activities and presents the results of case studies conducted by collaborating institutions and researchers in Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, and the Republic of Korea.

Natural Hazards and the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage: Experiences from the Asia-Pacific Region (Report of the Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management [FY 2020–2023])

(English, March 2024, 120 pages) ISBN-978-4-9909775-7-3*



This report presents the results of the project “Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management” conducted in FY 2020–2023. It consists of a summary of project activities and the results of case studies carried out in cooperation with researchers and organizations in the Asia-Pacific region, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mongolia, the Philippines, and Viet Nam. There is also a contribution showcasing the latest development of ICH safeguarding in the context of disasters in Japan.

ICH Resilience amid COVID-19 Pandemic

(March 2023, 9 pages) ISBN-978-4-9909775-5-9*



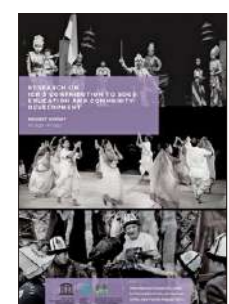
This booklet introduces the results of the questionnaire survey conducted in FY 2021 under IRCI’s project “Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic” (FY 2021–2023) to the general public. It describes, with visual images, major findings of the survey, including the overall situation of ICH in the Asia-Pacific region during the COVID-19 pandemic and voices from ICH practitioners and local communities.

Proceedings of the IRCI Researchers Forum on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region “Progress and Challenges in the Research for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage –Towards a Sustainable Future–”

(English, March 2022, 129 pages) ISBN-978-4-9909775-2-8*



This is the proceedings of the IRCI Researchers Forum “Progress and Challenges in the Research for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage–Towards a Sustainable Future–” held on 29 October 2021 to commemorate IRCI’s 10th anniversary. The proceedings include the review of progress on the research for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region and the summary of discussions including future research perspectives and challenges.



Research on ICH’s Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development: Project Report FY 2020–2021
(English, March 2022, 368 pages)
ISBN-978-4-9909775-4-2*



Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region: Project Report FY 2019–2021
(English, March 2022, 87 pages)
ISBN-978-4-9909775-3-5*



Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic: “A Preliminary Report of the Questionnaire-Based Survey Conducted in FY 2021”
(August 2022, 26 pages)*



Project Report “Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia” (online version)
(March 2021)



Project Report “ICH’s Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development”
(online version) (February 2021)*



Guidelines for “Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH’s Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education” for Nonformal Education in the Philippines
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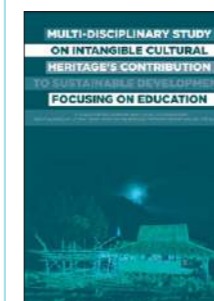
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- The First ICH-Researchers Forum: “The Implementation of UNESCO’s 2003 Convention” (Final Report) (September 2012) ISBN 978-4-9906647-0-1*
- The First Intensive Researchers Meeting on Communities and the 2003 Convention: “Documentation of Intangible Cultural Heritage as a Tool for Community’s Safeguarding Activities” (July 2012)*
- The Training Course for Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage 2011 Final Report (2011)*