

## Medium-term Programme (FY 2013-FY 2015)

### I. Duration

The duration of the medium-term programme is 3 years from FY 2013 to FY 2015.

### II. Main Line of Action

(1) Perform the functions outlined in the Article 4 Paragraph 2 of the Agreement, through instigating and coordinating research activities on the following domains in the Asia-Pacific region:

- (i) Current status of endangered intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region;
- (ii) Various methodologies for safeguarding endangered intangible cultural heritage such as documentation of intangible cultural heritage elements present in the Asia-Pacific region and their utilization;
- (iii) Good Practices in Safeguarding of endangered intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region.

(2) Instigate the following activities during the course of Paragraph (1) above,

- (i) Participation of young researchers from the Asia-Pacific region who are engaged in research on the safeguarding of endangered intangible cultural heritage into the activities of the Centre;
- (ii) Collaboration with researchers and institutions in the Asia-Pacific region;
- (iii) Organising workshops and seminars to disseminate various methodologies and good practices of safeguarding endangered intangible cultural heritages identified in the Asia-Pacific region;

(3) Conduct following activities domestically with a view to contributing to II (1) of the long-term programme

- (i) Collect information about international trends of research on the 2003 Convention in accordance with the Medium term program of the National Institutes of Cultural Heritage;
- (ii) Within the framework of the Centre's mandate in the Asia-Pacific region, contribute to the following projects carried out by Sakai City;
  - (a) Project for citizens to promote intangible cultural heritage elements inscribed in UNESCO's lists
  - (b) International cultural exchange project at citizen-level
  - (c) Project to promote intercultural understanding among the youth.

### III. Specific Contents of Activities

(1) Mapping of researchers and research institutions that are engaged in research on current status and various methodologies of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region, with special attention to contribution to Strategic Objective 8, Paragraph 4024 of UNESCO's Quadrennial Programme and Budget 37C/5.

(2) Research on current status and safeguarding measures of the endangered intangible cultural heritages in the Asia-Pacific region due to factors such as conflict, climate change and natural disasters, in accordance with the Article 13 (c) of the 2003 Convention and Strategic Objective 7 Paragraph 121 and 122 of UNESCO Medium-term Strategy 37C/4.

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(3) Within the framework of the Centre's mandate in the Asia-Pacific region, contribute to the following projects for citizens carried out by Sakai City.

- (i) Project to disseminate information on intangible cultural heritage in cooperation with relevant research institutes and universities.
- (ii) Project to promote intangible cultural heritage elements inscribed in UNESCO's lists.
- (iii) Model project carried out at schools or other educational sites to enhance understanding of intangible cultural heritage.

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