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

The 1st International Symposium

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Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in 2015 consist of 17 goals and 169 targets to realize a sustainable world. Since FY 2018, IRCI has been implementing research projects considering the role of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) to achieve SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and from FY 2022, started a new project "Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities," specifically focusing on Target 11.4 (strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage). The project highlights areas and cities with historical and cultural landscapes including World Heritage sites, to investigate the role of ICH in safeguarding and maintaining such landscapes and the possibilities of mobilising them for sustainable development of the communities. Inviting researchers from the Asia-Pacific region, this symposium provides an opportunity to discuss the role of ICH in achieving SDG 11.4 by sharing various case studies. Being at the first year of the project, various challenges and opportunities associated with ICH in the context of SDGs will be explored.

© GTWHI "Multicultural community activities in George Town Heritage City, Malaysia"

Programme (Tentative)

10:30 Opening remarks

Wataru Iwamoto, Director-General, IRCI
Duong Bich Hanh, Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO Beijing Office
Shun Shirai, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)

10:45 Keynote lecture

Makoto Motonaka, Director General, Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties

11:40 SESSION1: IRCI project "ICH for sustainable cities and communities" and case studies

- **ICH Contributing to SDGs-Angkor Project: Traditional Handicraft & Livelihood**
Sokrithy Im, APSARA National Authority
 - **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, iTaukei Institute of Languages and Culture
 - **Intertwining Built Heritage Protection and ICH Safeguarding: Case Study from George Town, Malaysia**
Ming Chee Ang, George Town World Heritage Incorporated
- (12:30-13:30 Break)

13:50 SESSION2: Initiatives in the Asia-Pacific regions

- **Community-based conservation and management of World Heritage site, Chief Roi Mata's Domain**
Meredith Wilson, The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
Christopher Ballard, School of Culture, History and Language, Australian National University
- **IRCI's research project on ICH related to cultural and natural heritage**
Dilshod Rahimi, The ICH Center, The Research Institute of Culture and Information of the Ministry of Culture
- **The Role of Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Historic Cities found in "Newar's Traditional Crafts and Dwelling Culture of Craftsman"**
Lata Shakya, Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University
- **Conservation efforts of the Rice Terraces in Ifugao**
Marlon M. Martin, Save the Ifugao Terraces Movement
- **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, IWOR Development division, Biratori Town Office, The Promotion of Ainu Measures and Policy

15:40 Discussion

16:45 Closing

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