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## Provisional Agenda International Scientific Committee

Kasai Hotel, Lumbini, Nepal, 21 to 23 February 2018

**21 February 2018**

### 1. Opening

- 9:00 - 9:05 Welcome Remarks  
Mr Christian Manhart  
UNESCO Representative to Nepal
- 9:05 - 9:10 Remarks  
Ms Chisako Nishitani  
Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Nepal
- 9:10 - 9:15 Remarks  
Mr Eric Dubois  
Executive Team Member, Oriental Cultural Heritage Protection Alliance,  
France
- 9:15 - 9:20 Remarks  
Mr Bhesh Narayan Dahal  
Director General, Department of Archaeology
- 9:20 - 9:25 Remarks  
Mr Surendra Muni Shakya  
Treasurer, Lumbini Development Trust
- 9:25 - 9:30 Remarks  
Mr Bharat Mani Subedi  
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation

**ISC meeting chaired by Prof Yukio Nishimura, Team Leader, Advisor on Planning**

### 2. Adoption of agenda

- 9:30 – 9:35 Adoption of agenda

### 3. Reports by the Department of Archaeology and the Lumbini Development Trust

- 9:35 – 9:50 Research, protection and conservation of the archaeological sites and  
monument in the Greater Lumbini Area  
Department of Archaeology (DoA)
- 9:50 – 10:05 Recent development in the Greater Lumbini Area  
Lumbini Development Trust
- 10:05 – 10:20 Q & A

### 4. Reports by UNESCO

- 10:20 – 10:35 World Heritage Committee recent decisions for Lumbini  
Dr Roland Lin Chih-Hung, UNESCO World Heritage Centre
- 10:35 - 10:45 Overview of the Japanese-funded Lumbini Project  
Ms Nabha Basnyat Thapa, Project Coordinator, UNESCO Office in  
Kathmandu

10:45 - 11:00 Q & A

**11:00 – 11:15 Tea**

## **5. Planning**

11:15 - 12:00 Briefing on mapping heritage sites in the Greater Lumbini Area and implementation plan on the activities related to planning and developing conservation and tourism plan for Tilaurakot and its environs  
Prof Yukio Nishimura, Tokyo University, Japan, Advisor on Planning

12:00 - 12:30 Preparation and enforcement of specific planning and building regulations and guidelines of Lumbini Sanskritik Municipality  
Mr Man Mohan Chaudhari, Mayor, Lumbini Cultural Municipality, Dr Mahendra Subba, Consultant Team Leader and Mr Padma Mainalee, Deputy Director General, Department of Urban Development and Building Construction

12:30 – 12:45 Q & A

**12:45 – 13:45 Lunch**

## **6. Archaeology and Conservation**

13:45 - 14:30 Briefing and implementation plan on the activities related to the archaeological investigation in Tilaurakot  
Prof Robin Coningham, Durham University, UK, Advisor for Archaeology

14:30 - 15:00 Briefing and implementation plan on the activities related to the conservation of archaeological remains in Tilaurakot  
Mr Paolo Pagnin, Advisor for Conservation

15:00 - 15:15 Q & A

**15:15 – 15:30 Tea**

**15:30 – 17:30 Site Visit to the Sacred Garden of Lumbini**

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## **7. Concerns and activities of religious communities**

9:00 – 9:15 Acharya Karma Rinchen Sherpa  
President, Nepal Buddhist Federation

9:15 – 9:30 Padma Jyoti, Vice President, Dharmodaya Sabha

9:30 – 9:45 H.E. Mr Bhakavat Tanskul  
Ambassador of Thailand

9:45 – 10:00 Activities by the Royal Thai Monastery

10:00 – 10:15 H.E. Ms Swarna Perera  
Ambassador of Sri Lanka

10:15 – 10:30 Q & A

## **8. Environment**

10:30 – 10:45 Mr Durga Prasad Dawadi  
Director-General, Department of Environment

- 10:45 – 11:00 Air quality observatory in Lumbini  
Mr Bhupesh Adhikary, Air Quality Specialist, ICIMOD
- 11:00 – 11:15 Addressing air pollution in Lumbini  
Venerable Vivekananda, Lumbini Meditation Centre
- 11:15 – 11:30 Q & A

**11:30 – 11:45 Tea**

**9. Ecology**

- 11:45 – 12:00 Botany and the Buddha: opportunities for research, education, and utilisation of plants in Lumbini  
Dr Mark Watson, Editor-in-Chief of Flora of Nepal, Head of Major Floras, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, UK
- 12:00 – 12:15 Q & A

**10. Tourism and Development**

- 12:15 – 12:30 Tourism development in the Greater Lumbini Area  
Ms Lisa Choegyal, International Tourism Specialist
- 12:30 – 12:45 Study on preparation of national document on Buddhist Circuit of Nepal: Towards making Greater Lumbini Area a gateway for Buddhist Heritage sites in Nepal  
Mr Gyanin Rai, Coordinator and Mr Ram Chandra Sedhai, Consultant of the Study Team
- 12:45 – 13:00 Arts & Humanities Research Council sponsored project 'Promoting the Protection of Heritage Sites in Nepal's Southern Terai in the Face of Accelerated Development'  
Prof Robin Coningham, UNESCO Chair in Archaeological Ethics and Practice in Cultural Heritage, Durham University
- 13:00 – 13:15 A proposed artisan program in Lumbini  
Claire Burkert, Crafts Development and Marketing Expert
- 13:15 – 13:30 Q & A

**11. Closure**

- 13:30 – 13:35 Closure by Prof Yukio Nishimura, ISC Chair

**13:35 – 14:35 Lunch**

- 14:35 – 17:00 Project Steering Committee Meeting co-chaired by Vice Chair of the LDT and UNESCO Representative to Nepal**  
Participants: Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Department of Archaeology, Lumbini Development Trust and UNESCO

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- 8:00 - 12:30 Site Visit to Tilaurakot site guided by Prof Robin Coningham**

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch in Tilaurakot**

- 15:30 – 17:30 Working Meeting between UNESCO and Department of Archaeology (DoA) for South Asian Silk Roads World Heritage Nomination**  
Nepal national activity and continuation of fact finding mission to rest of Lumbini-Mustang corridor