



International Scientific Committee

UNESCO/Japanese Funds-in-Trust for Strengthening the Conservation and Management of Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha

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Recommendations

1. Heritage Impact Assessment should be conducted before every new development project (including construction, roads, drains, wall and carparks etc.) or contractual agreement, at sites protected as heritage and archaeological areas within the Greater Lumbini Area.
2. Archaeological and geological investigations must be carried out to understand the potential archaeological site before any infrastructure work within the Greater Lumbini Area, and risk mapping prepared for all potential archaeological areas.
3. Any new master plan for Lumbini or surrounding area should consider the government /United Nation approved Lumbini Master Plan.
4. Guidelines and monitoring tools for the conservation of archaeological remains should be prepared by conservation team before the completion of Phase II of the project.
5. If machinery is necessary to be used at the sites protected as heritage areas and archaeological sites within the Greater Lumbini Area, including Lumbini Development Area, it should be accompanied by archaeological watching briefs by the Department of Archaeology and the Lumbini Development Trust.
6. Natural surroundings of the Lumbini area should be safeguarded.
7. Sources of air, noise and ground water pollution, should be monitored and controlled and existing regulations enforced by the government. No new industrial factories shall be approved and existing expanded by the government within the Lumbini Protected Zone.
8. Approach and take off flight paths from Bhairahawa Airport should avoid key heritage sites, in particular Ramagrama and Lumbini.
9. Bylaws and planning regulations should be implemented at potential archaeological sites within the Greater Lumbini Area.
10. In case the Japanese Funds-in-Trust shall not continue or present a funding gap between second and third phase, ways shall be found to continue the holding of the ISC meetings, by reducing the membership and/or identifying other funding sources.
11. ISC welcomes the generous contribution of 20 million Japanese Yen by Mr Tokusin Kasai for the archaeological investigation in Tilaurakot site.
12. Land acquisition by the Department of Archaeology is very welcomed by the Members and shall be continued.