

SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF CRIHAP (DRAFT)

OPENING

The Inaugural Meeting of the Governing Board (hereinafter referred to as Governing Board) of the International Training Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as CRIHAP), was held in Beijing ,China, on the morning of Feb 22, 2012.

61 participants and observers attended the meeting. Ms. Zhao Shaohua, Vice Minister of Culture, People's Republic of China, Mr. Francesco Bandarin, Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO, Mr. Wang Wenzhang, Vice Minister of Culture, People's Republic of China and Chairperson of the Governing Board, and 11 members of the Governing Board attend the meeting attended the meeting as participants. While 16 participants from governmental institutions of the People's Republic of China, 3 representatives of the Chinese Academy of Arts., 2 representatives of experts in the field of intangible cultural heritage in China, 4 representatives from Hong Kong and Macau, Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China, 6 representatives of UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Office, 11 UNESCO certified ICH experts, 2 representatives from C2 centre Japan and 3 representatives from C2 centre South Korea attended the meeting as observers.

The meeting was opened in an official ceremony presided at by Mr. WANG Hanjie, Director, Division of Multi-lateral Affairs, Bureau for External Cultural Relations, Ministry of Culture, China. Mr. Bandarin and Ms. Zhao Shaohua delivered speeches respectively, wishing that CRIHAP will keep close cooperative relationship with UNESCO and countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and with Japanese and Korean C2 centres in particular, wishing as well that CRIHAP, focusing on training, will make active contribution to the promotion of the ICH safeguarding and the sustainable social development in the Asia-Pacific region. Mr Wang Wenzhang issued the certificates for Members of the Governing Board. Ms, Zhao Shaohua issued to Mr Bandarin the

Certificate of Honorary Member of the Governing Board, Mr Bandarin issued the Letter of Appointment to Mr Yang Zhi, appointing him as the Director of the International Training Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the Auspices of UNESCO. All participants took photos together afterwards.

THE 1ST SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

The 1st Session of the Governing Board was presided at by Mr. WANG Wenzhang, Chairperson of the Governing Board. He emphasized that, in accordance with Article 8 of the Agreement between the Government of People's Republic of China and UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as 'Agreement'), CRIHAP shall be guided and supervised by a Governing Board. He expressed his thanks to all participants for their help and support towards CRIHAP.

ITEM 1 OF THE AGENDA: Adoption of the Agenda for the Inaugural Meeting of the Governing Board

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat of the meeting to explain the agenda, and invited the members of the Governing Board to examine the agenda. There were no comments on this item.

Decision GB/1 adopted with no amendments.

ITEM 2 OF THE AGENDA: Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Board.

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat of the meeting to explain the rules of procedure, and invited the members of the Governing Board to examine the rules. There were no comments on this item.

Decision GB/2 adopted with no amendments.

ITEM 3 OF THE AGENDA: Admitting Observers

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat of the meeting to read the name list of observers, and invited the members of the Governing Board to examine it. There were no comments on this item.

Decision GB/3 adopted with no amendments.

ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA: Approving members of the Advisory Committee.

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat of the meeting to read the name list of advisory committee, and invited the members of the Governing Board to examine it. There were no comments on this item.

Decision GB/4 adopted with no amendments. Mr Bandarin issued the certificates to members of the Advisory Committee.

ITEM 5 OF THE AGENDA: Approval of CRIHAP Medium-Term Development Strategy.

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat of the meeting to explain the Medium-Term Development Strategy. Mr. Timothy Curtis, representative of UNESCO Director-General, fully affirmed the Medium-Term Development Strategy, and he also suggested to amend the last sentence in the strategy, “to train more professionals in ICH for Asia-Pacific countries by wider international cooperation” as amended. Mr. Bandarin suggested that “Celebration Activity for the Tenth Anniversary of Convention Issuing “ be included in the strategy. Mr. Mounir Bouchenaki, Special Adviser to the Director-General, ICCROM, suggested that the ICH work is a kind of important task, giving us the correct understanding on the relationship between intangible culture and tangible culture, as they are the two sides of the coin. Mr. DU Yue, Secretary-General, National Commission of the People’s Republic of China for UNESCO, proposed to take into account of inviting staffs from different countries to do short-term or long-term work in CRIHAP, forming an internationalized professional working group. The Chairperson fully confirmed the proposals and suggestions and asked the Secretariat to amend the Medium-term Development Strategy.

Decision GB/5 adopted.

ITEM 6 OF THE AGENDA: Approval of CRIHAP Working Plan and Budget for 2012.

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat of the meeting to explain the working plan

and budget for 2012. There were no comments on this item.

Decision GB/6 adopted with no amendments.

ITEM 7 OF THE AGENDA: Approval of the Logo of CRIHAP and Directives for its use.

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat of the meeting to explain the logo of CRIHAP and the Directives for its use. The logo block is composed of a main emblem, an English acronym, a complete English name, UNESCO logo and its dotted line (in a logarithmic progression). The main emblem takes the form of an ancient Chinese seal, a symbol of Chinese culture, embedded with a two-hand protection shape, meaning that we will take good care of our mutual heritage. The acronym is formed from the initials of key words in its complete English name, meaning creativity, harmony and happiness. The Secretariat stressed that the use of the logo must be limited only to the specific projects or activities carried out in cooperation with CRIHAP. The Chairperson invited the members to examine this item. There were no further comments on this item.

Decision GB/7 adopted with no amendments.

ITEM 8 OF THE AGENDA: Date of the next session of the Governing Board

The Secretariat suggested and explained the date of the next session of the Governing Board will be held in January, 2013. The Chairperson invited the members in the committee to examine this item. There were no comments on this item.

Decision GB/8 adopted with no amendments.

Comments by Observers:

The observers gave warm congratulations to this meeting, and they gave different comments on different aspects.

Mr. WANG Xuexian, The first China Ambassador to The Republic of South Africa, pointed out that several English words in the files could be discussed and adjusted.

Mr. Henricus Smeets, Consultant for Heritage and Linguistic Policies, UNESCO, Member of the Advisory Committee of CRIHAP, informed that a decision was adopted

during The Sixth Session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee held in Bali, Indonesia last year allowing C2 centres to use the logo of the convention. And he suggested that the logo of CRIHAP and convention be used simultaneously.

Ms. Noriko Aikawa-Faure, Visiting Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Member of the Advisory Committee of CRIHAP, suggested that the mid-term strategy be in conform with that of UNESCO for 2008-2013.

Mr. Gaura Mancacaritadipura, Secretariat of the Deputy Minister for Culture, Ministry of Education and Culture, highly appreciated the structure of the Governing Board and Advisory Committee. According to him, consisting of high-rank officials of UNESCO, high-rank officials of Chinese government, relating experts, as well as colleagues from surrounding countries, such structure would surely play an important role in the future development of CRIHAP.

Mr. Samuel Lee, Director, International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the Auspices of UNESCO, stressed the importance of “Cooperation”. According to him, the key point of success relied on close and harmonious coordination and cooperation among three C2 centres. He wished that the directors of three C2 centres could have more and closer exchange, dialogue and cooperation among themselves. The three centres might conduct some repeated works on their early stage in particular. In this case, mutual understanding was a necessity. He hoped that the three sides could fully fulfill each other’s responsibilities, and be complementary.

Mr. Amareswar Galla, Professor & Executive Director, International Institute for the Inclusive Museums, suggested collecting materials and experiences of trivial works, projects, which have been done during last ten or twelve years in the Asia-pacific region, then integrating and promoting them in the region. Such work would be very effective.

Ms. Paritta Chalernpow Koanantakool, retired anthropology professor, teaching at Thammasat University, and advisor to museum and ICH training program of the Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre, suggested that CRIHAP establish a website which would serve as a platform for information exchange, providing information on the objectives, functions and future activities of CRIHAP as well as information on current conditions of intangible cultural state in China and other countries.

Finally, **the Chairperson** expressed his thanks to the members and observers for

their active interventions and speeches. He stressed that the 1st Session of the Governing Board is an important mark for the establishment of CRIHAP. The establishment of CRIHAP will enhance the ICH safeguarding especially the training work in the Asia-Pacific region. The key opinions and suggestions provided by members of the Governing Board, members of the Advisory Committee, as well as other observers, would play an important role in promoting international ICH safeguarding. And the Chairperson believed that CRIHAP will meet our anticipation and greatly promote the ICH training and safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region. He wished to meet everyone again in Chengdu, China next year on the occasion of the celebration for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention.

The Chairperson then declared the successful closing of the 1st Session of the Governing Board.