

Name of Institute/Centre	<b>International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region, Japan</b>
Year of creation	2011
UNESCO focal point	Cécile Duvelle, CLT/CEH/ITH
Statutes and agreements	Agreement signed on 30 August 2010
Thematic specialization	Developing and mobilizing research as a tool for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage
Geographic coverage	Asia and the Pacific
Is the agreement in compliance with UNESCO's integrated comprehensive strategy (35 C/22 and Corr.) adopted at the 35 <sup>th</sup> session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2009?	The agreement is in compliance with the overall strategy but not with the model agreement; changes may need to be made in the event of renewal.
Governing Board	<p>Chair: SASAKI Johei / President of National Institutes for Cultural Heritage, Japan</p> <p>Vice-chair: MINAMI Tetsuhito / Senior Specialist for Cooperation with UNESCO, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan, qua a deputy of FUJISHIMA Nobuo / Secretary-General of Japanese National Commission for UNESCO</p> <p>Timothy CURTIS / Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education in Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok)</p> <p>KONDO Seiichi / Commissioner of Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan</p> <p>KONO Toshiyuki / Professor of Kyushu University, Japan</p> <p>SUDO Ken'ichi / Director-General of National Museum of Ethnology, Japan</p> <p>TAKEYAMA Osami / Mayor of Sakai City, Osaka, Japan</p> <p>WANG Hanjie / Director of the Division of Multilateral Affairs, Bureau for External Cultural Relations, Ministry of Culture, Peoples Republic of China</p> <p>YI Kyung-hoon / Director of International Affairs Division of the Cultural Heritage Administration, Republic of Korea</p>

UNESCO staff detached	None	
Financial contributions	2010-2011	
	Regular programme (please provide details, i.e. cost of undertaking the feasibility study, activities, implemented through contractual arrangements, costs of participating in the governing boards, other)	Substantial investment of Regular Programme staff time; no out-of-pocket expenses
	Extrabudgetary (please provide details)	None
	Total	
	Centre or Institute's Budget and sources of financing	Unknown
	Has the Institute or Centre been audited, if yes by whom and what were the results?	No
Contribution to UNESCO's programme results at the Main Lines of Action (MLA) level in the 35 C/5	Centre is linked to CLT Main line of action 2: Safeguarding living heritage, particularly through the promotion and implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage; it is just becoming operational and has thus made no contribution to date to the expected results of that MLA	
Does the institute or centre contribute to the implementation of a UNESCO sector strategy, if yes, please indicate how?	The Centre is intended to contribute to the Culture Sector's strategy for implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	

<p>Was a review carried out by UNESCO on the Centre/Institute's contribution to the Strategic Programme Objectives of the Organization prior to the expiration of the Institute/Centre's agreement?</p> <p>If yes, please provide a short synopsis of the results of this review (no more than 100 words max)</p>	<p>Not applicable; centre is just becoming operational and agreement will not expire until 2015</p>
<p>Last external evaluation</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Has this centre/institute promoted best practices in promoting South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation, if yes, please provide a brief synopsis (100 words max)</p>	<p>Centre is just becoming operational</p>