

Part 2
Reports on IRCI's activities in
FY2013-2014, financial
statement for FY2013, and
budget for FY 2014

Decision required: paragraph 3

The 3rd Governing Board Meeting of IRCI
Sakai City Museum, Osaka, Japan
1 October 2014

1. According to Article 5 Paragraph 3 Item (c) of the Agreement, the Governing Board shall examine the reports on IRCI's activities submitted by the Director of IRCI.
2. The reports on IRCI's activities are presented in Annex 1 (Activities of IRCI in FY 2013 (2nd half) and FY 2014), Annex 2 (Biannual report of IRCI activities for the second half of FY 2013) and Annex 3 (Biannual report of IRCI activities for the first half of FY 2014). The financial statement for FY 2013 and the budget for FY 2014 are presented in Annex 4.
3. The Governing Board may wish to adopt the following decisions:
The Governing Board,
 - (1) having examined the document IRCI/2013/3GB/2 and Annexes 1-4,
 - (2) approves the reports on IRCI's activities, financial statement for FY 2013, and budget for FY 2014.

Activities of IRCI in FY 2013 (2nd half) and FY 2014

1. Activity Focus

IRCI's ongoing projects were all approved by the 2nd Governing Board Meeting on 21 October, 2013, to be implemented within the framework of medium-term programme in 2013-2015. They are divided into the following two activity focuses.

- 1) Mapping Studies on the Safeguarding of ICH
- 2) Research for the Safeguarding of Endangered ICH

2. Outline of Individual Research Projects

2.1. Mapping Studies on the Safeguarding of ICH

IRCI has been developing a database of researchers, institutions, and government officers concerning ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region. This database intends to be served as a platform for sharing information and enhancing research activities. IRCI also hosts international researchers' conferences to promote ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region.

Status: ongoing (see Annex 2 and 3 for the details)

<Timeline of IRCI Research Projects >

	FY 2013		FY 2014		FY 2015	
	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half
<u>Activity Focus 1: Mapping Studies on the Safeguarding of ICH</u>						
Mapping Research for the Safeguarding of ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region	■	■	■	■		
<u>Activity Focus 2: Research for Safeguarding Endangered ICH</u>						
Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflict States (Sri Lanka)	■	■	■	■		
Study of Legal Systems Related to Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Greater Mekong Region	■	■	■	■		
Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage on the Verge of Extinction: Vietnamese ICH Element Dong Ho Woodblock Printing	■	■	■	■		
Documentation of ICH as a Tool for Community-led safeguarding Activities	■	■	■	■		
Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the Promotion of Cultural Identity and Community Resilience in Timor-Leste	■	■				

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 IRCI Biannual Report for
 the Second Half of FY 2013
 (Annex 2)

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 the First Half of FY 2014
 (Annex 3)

2.2. Research for the Safeguarding of Endangered ICH

2.2.1 Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflict States (Sri Lanka)

Traditional Handicrafts of Sri Lanka have been severely impacted by the prolonged civil war, causing displacement and the loss of artisans. This project is a pilot study to revive ICH in a post-conflict society, as a potential way to reconstruct the people's livelihood. Information on traditional handicrafts and their successors are collected in northern, northeastern, and eastern regions of Sri Lanka, and recommendations are drafted to develop further programmes of craft revitalisation.

Status: ongoing (see Annex 2 and 3 for the details)

2.2.2 Study of Legal Systems Related to Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Greater Mekong Region

It has been noted in available literatures that the development of cultural heritage laws in the Mekong region remains insufficient. This project aims to enhance the safeguarding of ICH in the Mekong region through the examining the current status of legal systems. Possibilities of developing further programmes, which may involve experts in the process of legislation, will be discussed based on recommendations.

Status: ongoing (see Annex 2 and 3 for the details)

2.2.3 Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage on the Verge of Extinction: Vietnamese ICH Element Dong Ho Woodblock Printing

Following a request from the Vietnamese Government, IRCI investigates the current status of Dong Ho block printing as a case of community-based safeguarding of endangered ICH. On the basis of field research identifying the risk factors and the number of practitioners, a plan for safeguarding measures with active participation of community members are explored. The project also encourages the involvement of young people in these processes.

Status: ongoing (see Annex 2 and 3 for the details)

2.2.4 Documentation of ICH as a Tool for Community-led safeguarding Activities

In many communities, audiovisual documentation records of their own ICH are not available or accessible to the community members. Therefore, IRCI has been promoting the documentation of ICH as a tool for community-based safeguarding activities through a series of workshops. The project takes the following 3 steps: 1) researchers forums, 2) workshops involving a practical approach documenting ICH elements by the bearers in collaboration with international experts, and 3) the final publication.

Status: ongoing (see Annex 2 and 3 for the details)

2.2.5 Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the Promotion of Cultural Identity and Community Resilience in Timor-Leste

This is a study tour in Japan, aiming at providing opportunities for East Timorese officers to learn institutional and polity frameworks at national and local levels. Some good practices of transmitting, conserving, and disseminating ICH at the community levels are presented through various museum visits. Group working sessions are facilitated by IRCI for identifying, sharing, and discussing current problems regarding the safeguarding of ICH in Timor-Leste.

Status: completed in FY 2013 (see Annex 2 for the details)

Publication:

2013 Study Tour Report: Toward Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the Promotion of Cultural Identity and Community Resilience in Timor-Leste. March 2014, 116p

3. Miscellaneous activities

3.1. IRCI website

IRCI's website has been updated. Now the site is available in English, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Lao, Khmer, and Tamil.

3.2. IRCI leaflet

The new leaflet, illustrated with photographs, gives an easy-to-understand explanation on IRCI's profile and its current major activities. The leaflet is currently available in English and Japanese. IRCI is in the process of producing vernacular versions in PDF format.

Financial Statement for FY 2013 and Budget for FY 2014

Financial statement for FY 2013

(JPY)

	Category		Amount	
Income	Government Funds	Operation Expenses		28,093,000
	External Funds	Agency for Cultural Affairs	International collaborative project for the safeguarding of cultural properties	51,366,997
		Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	ODA for supporting UNESCO's activities	9,932,540
		UNESCO Jakarta	Study Tour for East Timorese Officers in Japan	4,648,093
	Sakai City Funds	Expenses for Collaborative Project with IRCI		(3,432,782)
	Total Amount			97,473,412
Expenditure	Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflict States		3,063,551	
	Safeguarding ICH on the Verge of Extinction: Vietnamese ICH Element Dong Ho Wood Block Painting		2,956,905	
	Study of Legal Systems Related to Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Greater Mekong Region		3,554,584	
	Study Tour for East Timorese ICH Officers in Japan		4,648,093	
	Documentation of Intangible Cultural Heritage as a Tool for Community Safeguarding Activities		5,521,748	
	Mapping Research for the Safeguarding of ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region		3,150,487	
	International Symposium in Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Convention for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage		8,068,068	
			(3,432,782)	
	Collaborative Project with Princes Maha Cakri Shirindhorn Anthropology Centre		357,500	
	Expenses for website		1,253,923	
	Second Governing Board Meeting		2,752,183	
	Expenses for attending conferences and meetings in and out of Japan		4,753,584	
	Miscellaneous		4,670,155	
	Operation expenses		11,014,997	
	Personnel expenses		37,074,852	
	Carried-forward to the next account		1,200,000	
	Total Amount			97,473,412

*Amounts in brackets are borne by Sakai City.

Reference	Sakai City intangible cultural heritage project expenses	3,843,214
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* This is the independent budget Sakai City allocated for their own activities to promote ICH.

Budget for FY 2014

(JPY)

	Category		Amount	
Income	Government Funds	Operation Expenses		27,812,000
		Carried-forward		1,200,000
	External Funds	Agency for Cultural Affairs	International collaborative project for the safeguarding of cultural properties	51,387,993
		Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	ODA for supporting UNESCO's activities	8,300,000
	Total Amount			88,699,993
Expenditure	Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflict States		1,493,000	
	Safeguarding ICH on the Verge of Extinction: Vietnamese ICH Element Dong Ho Wood Block Painting		2,498,000	
	Study of Legal Systems Related to Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Greater Mekong Region		3,393,000	
	Documentation of Intangible Cultural Heritage as a Tool for Community Safeguarding Activities		4,958,420	
	Mapping Research for the Safeguarding of ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region		5,759,890	
	Expenses for website and document purchases		2,300,000	
	Third Governing Board Meeting		3,087,060	
	Expenses for attending conferences and meetings in and out of Japan		5,645,220	
	Expenses for UNESCO's assessment of IRCI		4,739,960	
	Miscellaneous		5,201,808	
	Operation expenses		10,066,635	
	Personnel expenses		39,557,000	
	Total Amount			88,699,993

Reference	Sakai City intangible cultural heritage project expenses	4,996,000
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