Asian Cultural Council

Terms of Reference

1. Background:

Culture is intrinsic and vital to our life. It also contributes to administration of one another cultures, and mutual understanding among peoples and countries through cultural exchanges. Established under the ICAPP, the Asian Cultural Council serves as a propeller for cultural exchanges and a platform for discussion on cultural, art and cultural tourism related issues among its members. The council provides key recommendations and advices to the Standing Committee of the ICAPP on ongoing arts and culture related issues and activities.

2. Objectives:

Asian Cultural Council encourages and promotes culture in order to enhance and enrich quality of life, prosperity and exchange of people for a better understanding and trust among countries.

3. Mandate:

The Asian Cultural Council will:

- initiate cultural exchanges and programs to enhance mutual understanding and trust among Asian Countries;
- initiate cultural cooperation with international organizations;
- liaise with the ICAPP Standing Committee as necessary;
- provide key recommendations to the Standing Committee on cultural and tourism policies when requested by the Committee; and
- inform the ICAPP Standing Committee on ongoing arts and tourism events and cultural related issues among Asian Countries.

4. Bureau:

- Cambodia as Chairman
- China, Russia and Nepal as Vice-Chairpersons, as founding Bureau members

5. Membership:

- All country members of ICAPP are members of the Asian Cultural Council.

6. Secretariat:

The Secretariat of the ICAPP is tasked with assisting the Asian Cultural Council in assuming their role and coordinating activities.

7. Meeting Arrangement:

The Asian Cultural Council holds its meeting once a year or biannually with rotation among Asian Country Members to discuss various matters concerning culture and cultural tourism initiatives.

Any special workshop on any specific issues, which are relevant to the Asian Cultural Council, may be held upon the Bureau Members.

8. Decision of the Meeting:

The Bureau members of the Asian Cultural Council will make decisions on all issues by consensus of the members.

9. Resources and Budget:

The primary expenses include logistical arrangements for the Asian Cultural Council, i.e., conference facilities, domestic transportation, etc. the primary expenses shall not include, inter alia, international transportation to and from the location of the Asian Cultural Council and accommodation.

For the purpose of holding the Asian Cultural Council, the countries, hosting the Asian Cultural Council may seek voluntary contributions from members of the ICAPP and other organizations.

10. Main Activities:

The Asian Cultural Council's main activities will include:

- cultural exchanges i.e. cultural shows, exhibition, cultural heritage site visits once every two years by rotation among member countries of Asian Cultural Council;
- establishment of shared cultural programs to enhance measures/mechanism for protection and promotion of cultural heritage;
- establishment of a network for promotion of cultural diversity among the Asian Countries;
- establishment of a platform for discussions on various aspects of arts and culture for cultural policy making; and
- Promotion of cultural tourism as a mean of cultural exchange.

11. Additional Amendments

TOR may be amended or added upon request of any members by consensus.