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Subject: Training Course on Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region 2014 (2 Sep.- 3 Oct., Nara)

Dear Colleagues in National Commission for UNESCO,

I am pleased to inform you that Cultural Heritage Protection Cooperation Office, Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO in Nara (ACCU Nara Office), jointly with Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan (*Bunkacho*); International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM); and National Institutes for Cultural Heritage, National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, is planning to conduct the 15th training course on preservation and restoration of archaeological sites in Asia and the Pacific. In this year, the theme of the training course is "Research, Analysis and Preservation of Archaeological Sites and Remains".

The main objective of the training course 2014 is to provide capacity-building opportunities for those who are in charge of research and preservation of archaeological sites, so that they may apply their learned methods and technologies to the protection of heritage sites in each country in Asia and the Pacific region. For more details, please refer to the attached General Information (this is presently a tentative version).

I would like to ask for your kind cooperation in nominating eligible candidates (**a maximum of three people are requested**) to attend this training course from your country. In addition, please return the attached Application Form (Form 1) with Annex I (Recommendation Form) by Head of Organisation, to ACCU Nara Office **by 20 June 2014**. Any applications which arrive after the deadline won't be considered at our screening meeting.

After thorough consultation with co-organisers, we will decide on the 16 successful participants from the total number of applicants. The requirements for participation are listed in item 6 of the General Information. Please kindly pass the information regarding this training course to the related organisations, institutions, and facilities in your country so that most suitable experts will be recommended.

The General Information for this training course will be posted on the web sites of ACCU Nara Office (<http://www.nara.accu.or.jp/english/index.html>) and ICCROM. If there are inquiries from those interested, please ask them to contact the ACCU Nara Office directly by fax (+81-742-5701) or e-mail (nara@accu.or.jp) for more information.

Thank you very much in advance for your kind cooperation. I look forward to receiving your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized Japanese characters, likely reading '西村 康' (Nishimura Yasushi).

NISHIMURA Yasushi
Director

Enclosures:

1. General Information
2. Application Form (Form 1)
3. Annex 1 (Recommendation form)