

ICOM KYOTO 2019 Post-Conference Programme in Hokkaido

Challenges facing local museums in Preserving and handing down history and culture

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Date: Sunday, September 8- Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Venue: Date City, Toyako Town, Shiraoi Town and Biratori Town (Hokkaido Prefecture)

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In the past several years, Hokkaido's natural splendor and cuisine have made it a very popular destination among tourists, especially those from Asia. Date City is rich in history and culture. One can find the Kitakogane Shell Midden, evidence of Ainu¹ settlements, and modern development by samurai immigrants from other islands of Japan. The Kitakogane Shell Midden is part of the "Jomon² Archaeological Sites in Hokkaido and Northern Tohoku", which is aiming to be inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage. There is also the Irie and Takasago Shell Midden in the adjacent Toyako Town. Museums in this area exhibit culture roots in the area's rich environment from the Jomon Period.

With the planned opening of the Date City Museum of History and Culture, Japan's newest³ local cultural museum, in April 2019, we are planning a post-conference programme to this local museum, which embodies the theme of ICOM KYOTO 2019, "Museum as Cultural Hubs: The Future of Tradition".

This post-conference programme aims to facilitate exchanges between researchers based in Hokkaido and other ICOM researchers. We look forward to seeing you.

Registration fee

40,000JPY

Items included in the registration fee

¹ The Ainu

² Jomon

³ As of 1 September 2019, when the ICOM Kyoto 2019 will be held.

1. Transport during the event
2. Facility admissions
3. Meals

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Sunday/8.Sep	---	---	included
Monday/9.Sep	included	included	welcome party
Tuesday/10.Sep	included	included	---

4. Assommodation (Shared with your colleagues)
5. Welcome party

Items NOT included in the registration fee

1. Transport outside Hokkaido before arriving at and after leaving New Chitose Airport (airfare,etc.)
2. Addition orders placed during meals (alcoholic beverages, etc.) ,excluding during the welcome party.
3. Souvenirs purchased.

Other

1. An accommodation surcharge is required for participants who wish to have a room to themselves.
2. An additional fee is required for the accompanying persons programme.

Expected Participants

Symposium

1. Participants of the post-conference programme
2. Those involved in museums in Hokkaido
3. Date City residents and other local residents.

Technical visit

Participants of the post-conference programme

Welcome Party

1. Participants of the post-conference programme
2. Those involved in museums in Hokkaido
3. Representatives of local entities concerned.

Other

1. Please arrange you own transport to and from New Chitose Airport.
2. Bused will be arranged for the technical visits.
3. English-speaking guides and explanations in English will be provided during the whole programme. (Interpretation services, etc.)
4. A “Certificate of attendance” will be issued to participants.
5. The programme content is subject to change.

Schedule (tentative)

	Day 1 / Sunday, Sep.8	Day 2 / Monday, Sep. 9	Day 3 / Tuesday, Sep 10
Morning	<p>Note: Assemble at New Chitose Airport</p> <p>Technical Visit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nibutani Ainu Museum 2. National Ainu Museum/National Park for Ethnic Harmony (planned construction site) 	<p>Technical Visit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Kitakogane Shell Midden 4. Date City Museum of History and Culture. 	<p>Technical Visit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Irie and Takassago Shell Midden 6. Toyako Visitor Center/Volcano Science Museum.
Afternoon		<p>Symposium</p> <p>Date Rekishi-no-Mori Culture Center</p> <p>Accompany person's programme</p> <p>(This is only for those interested in participating. Participation is not mandatory. The programme subject to fees.)</p>	<p>Technical Visit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Disaster Monuments at Konpira Craters. <p>Note: This tour ends at New Chitose Airport.</p>
Dinner	Accommodations	Welcome Party	
Accommo-dations	The Toyako Onsen Hot spring resort		

Topics of the post-conference programme (Tentative)

A Message from the Honorary President

Hokkaido is a hub of exchange in Northeast Asia as it is bordered on the south by other Japanese islands, on the north by the Eurasian continent via Sakhalin and on the east by the Kamchatka Peninsula via the Kuril Islands. In Hokkaido, Paleolithic culture thrived 30,000 or so years ago, followed by Jomon culture, Epi-Jomon culture, Okhotsk culture and Satsumon culture, before the culture of the indigenous Ainu prospered from the 13th century. Some 150 years ago, the new Meiji government started land reclamation in Hokkaido, which caused a large number of ethnic Japanese from the mainland Japan, known as Wajin, to settle in Hokkaido and transformed the lives of local people. Today, museums across Hokkaido promote activities that hand down local traditions to younger generations. I look forward to welcoming many of you to the post-conference programme.

By Shuzo Ishimori/Director-General, Hokkaido Museum. Honorary President,
Organizing Committee for the ICOM KYOTO 2019, Post-conference programme in Date
City and Toyako Town, Hokkaido Prefecture.

Symposium in Date City

Japan faces the serious issues of low birthrates and high longevity in these, Hokkaido Prefecture is presumed to lead other parts of the country by 10 years. The loss of relationships between people, local culture and traditions due to depopulation and urban decline is a deeply concerning issue. Local history and culture give identity to localities and are critical elements in fostering regional development. We are hosting a symposium to discuss the significance of local museums, which play a role in passing these values on to the future. We are planning to hold a keynote lecture and panel discussions that will last about a half-day. Details are to be decided.

We are inviting post-conference programme participants, as well as people involved in museums in Hokkaido Prefecture and local residents, to the symposium. It will be an opportunity to discuss the roles of local museums in society and to disseminate information on the value and appeal of local culture and on the trends of cultural

museums around the world.

Technical Visit

1. Nibutani Ainu Culture Museum (Biratori Town)
URL:<http://www.town.biratorin.hokkaido.jp/biratori/nibutani>
2. National Ainu Museum/National Park for Ethnic Harmony (Planned construction site) (Shiraoi Town)
URL:<http://www.mksk-ps.jp/>
3. Kitakogane Shell Midden (Date City)
URL:<http://www.date-kanko.jp/page-26/page-171/>
4. Date City Museum of History and Culture (Date City)
5. Irie and Takasago Shell Midden (Toyako Town)
URL:<http://www.town.toyako.hokkaido.jp/syakaikyoku/pape37/page7/index.html>
6. Toyako Visitor Center/Volcano Science Museum
7. Disaster Monuments at Konpira Craters (Toyako Town)
URL: [http:// www.toya-usu-geopark.org/](http://www.toya-usu-geopark.org/)

Accompanying persons not attending the symposium may participate in the special programme.