



ASEAN Region's Culture and Religion by the end of 21st Century: A Dialogue of Past with Present?

7th South and Southeast Asian Association for Culture and Religion (SSEASR) Conference

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AN IAHR REGIONAL CONFERENCE

organized by

Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

in collaboration with

Vietnam, Buddhist Research Institute, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Second ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings! The 7th SSEASR Conference Organising Committee wishes you all well from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam!! We are delighted to receive quite a good number of paper proposals so far from as many as 20 countries. As we go now busy to give final touch to the logistics, the following information would facilitate your plan to be here:

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS/PAPERS

Abstracts can be submitted ONLINE in the Registration Form. For the submission of abstracts, please use the same ONLINE form. **We are now shifting the last date from May 10 to an earlier date of April 15, 2017.** However, the submission of panel proposal stands as previously announced: April 15, 2017. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY/FEE UNTIL YOUR PAPER IS ACCEPTED.**

Submission of full paper is **essentially by June 06, 2017**. Please adhere to these dates.

TRAVEL PLAN

Ho Chi Minh City is full of vibrant life. Known earlier as Saigon, it is well connected by all major airlines in the world, AIR FRANCE and VIETNAM AIRWAYS offering non-stop flight from Paris. If you plan to combine your visit with that of Cambodia, India, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Philippines, you would find very cheap connection on AIR ASIA (for details, see www.airasia.com). **Those** flying in from Europe would find very good deal at the web portals of several airlines such as Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways and Qatar. **THE INAUGURATION OF THE CONFERENCE IS ON JULY 09, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON, and CONFERENCE CLOSES ON**

JULY 12, 2017 AT EARLY MORNING. Please make your travel plan accordingly. **Those planning to take our post-conference tour may see the details below.**

VISA

The Immigration of Vietnam has the facility of visa-on-arrival(including India as well) for a **14-day maximum stay (provided your passport remains valid till 15th January 2018)**. For details, please visit: <https://govietnamvisa.com/page/vietnam-visa-on-arrival>

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fees remain the same as shown in the chart given in the FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT. As we are running on a shoe-string budget, please note, the transaction fee for both ends in sending/receiving the amount has to be borne by sender. Please note, as we have to make payment for the venue and guarantee its meal for the days of the Conference, there shall be no refund of fee whatsoever after May 30, 2017. Please email all details of transfer to us at vietnamSSEASR@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Abstract:	May 15, 2017
Late registration Fee ends:	June 15, 2017
Post Conference Trip Payment ends:	May 15, 2017
Third Announcement:	May 30, 2017
Submission of Full Paper:	June 01, 2017

ACCOMMODATION

For the convenience of the REGISTERED participants, we have identified a Star Hotel in the City which is about 2 km from the venue (**Hotel Victory Saigon**). This special price would remain valid **from July 06 to July 15, 2015 for our Conference guests.**

Victory Saigon Hotel

Victory Saigon Hotel offers High speed Wi-Fi connectivity in the room; Gym, Spa, Swimming pool and Bar; LCD TV; In-room Coffee/tea making facility, 24-hour room service, Minibar and refrigerator, Non-smoking floors.



ROOM CATEGORY	Room rate (per night)	
	Single	Double/Twinshare
Deluxe (Only 5 rooms left)	US\$60	US\$70
Suite	Sold Out	Sold Out

Buffet Breakfast and all 13.5 % taxes are included

HOTEL PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO US ONLY **(Not to the Hotel)** at the bank account details provided below. As this special price has been secured through prepayment made by us last week, we would solicit your entire stay payment in advance along with your other payments. In the event of **cancellation of your attendance of the 7th SSEASR**, total **accommodation amount** will be refunded *except one night deposit and transfer cost*. Such **refund request** must reach us **before June 09, 2017**(Vietnam Standard Time). ALL RECIEPTS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE 7TH SSEASR SECRETARIAT AND WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU ON ARRIVAL. If you require any invoice, let us know IN ADVANCE. NO CARD PAYMENT FACILTIES IS AVAILABLE.

MONEY TRANSFER ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name: Tran Ngoc Thao

Bank Name: Vietcombank

Branch: Ho Chi Minh City

Account No.: 007-100077-6335. **Swift Code:** BFTVNVX007

Transfer purpose: for 7th SSEASR Conference

Responsible person for the account: Ven. Prof Dr Thich Nhat Tu

Bank Address and Phone: 5, Cong Truong Me Linh, Quận 1, TP Hồ Chí Minh ; **+84- 8 38297245**

(Please cover all transaction cost while transferring the money.)

REGISTRATION FEES

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS	FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS	DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPANTS
Early Registration: US\$ 100	Early Registration: US \$300	Early Registration: US \$250
Late Registration: US\$ 150	Late Registration : US \$350	Late Registration : US \$300
Full Time Students: US\$ 100	Full Time Students: US \$200	Full Time Students: US \$150
Overseas Persons: US\$ 200 (Living in Vietnam)	Retired Academicians:US\$250	Retired Academicians: US \$150 (With Late Fee) : US \$200

The registration amount covers conference day meals, dinners, coffee/tea, conference publications, and pickup service at the airport It does not include air tickets, hotels and other personal expenses.

POST CONFERENCE TOUR (JULY 12 EARLY MORNING –July 14 NIGHT 21; 00 PM ARRIVAL AT HCM)

Our post-Conference Tour is now finalized. We leave on July 12 morning from Ho Chi Minh City airport to reach Huế city by flight (1.5 hour). After spending most of the day hours, we drive by limousine bus to the city of Danang and stay overnight. On July 13, we go to Mỹ Sơn, the historic city. On July 13, we come back to Danang for night stay. On July 14, we visit the highlights of Danang and Hoi An city (connected with the old Champa civilization). In the night after dinner, we fly from Danang to HCM (1 hour) for overnight stay in the same Hotel of the city.



Entrance of Citadel, Huế City



Ancient Forbidden City



Citadel

Located on the bank of Song Huong- Perfume River; **Huế** (Central Vietnam), is 1100 km north to Ho Chi Minh City. It was the national capital, the political, cultural and religious Centre of Vietnam under Nguyen Dynasty. In Huế, Buddhism enjoyed stronger support than elsewhere in Vietnam, with more monasteries than anywhere else and the nation's most famous monks. Most well-known for its historic values; Huế city had been recognized as one of the World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.



Da nang Coastline



Ride to the Ba-na Hills

Da Nang is a coastal city in central Vietnam known for its sandy beaches and history as a French colonial port. It's a popular base for visiting the inland Bà Nà hills, located to the west of the city. Here the Hải Vân Pass has views of Da Nang Bay and the Marble Mountains, 5 limestone outcrops that are home to pagodas and caves containing Buddhist shrines.



Marble Mountains



Shrine



Hoi An Cham Museum



Hoi An Ancient Town

Mỹ Sơn is World Heritage Sanctuary featuring Hindu culture of Vietnam (known as Champa kingdom) between the 4th-13th centuries. You would find the temples and Sanskrit inscriptions (though damaged extensively by the Vietnam War).



Clockwise: Cham site, Siva Linga, Champa Dance(being worked out) and Sanskrit Inscription,

The total amount including 2 nights stay in Danang, 1 night stay back in Ho Chi Minh City, 2 domestic air tickets(HCM-Huế; Danang-HCM) , limousine buses, entrance fees, and meals is **US\$ 510** in twinshare. For SGL room, you need to pay **US\$ 560** Those who want to fly back home(or elsewhere) from Danang, the price would be **US\$ 430**(twinshare) and **US\$ 470**(SGL) The amount can be sent together with the other payments such as registration fee and accommodation.

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