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### 8<sup>th</sup> SSEASR CONFERENCE

Dhaka, Bangladesh | June 13-16, 2019

A Regional Conference of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)  
Member of CIPSH under the auspices of the UNESCO

organized by | hosted by  
Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS), ULAB | University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB)


## Final Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

The 8<sup>th</sup> SSEASR Conference is now ready to welcome you all! Please fill in the new **ONLINE FORM** ([www.sseasr.org/tour-details-form.php](http://www.sseasr.org/tour-details-form.php)) which would help us in picking you up and to fulfill your food and trip requests.

Submission of

**Full Papers**

 **May 30, 2019**

**Visa**

As a sovereign state, Bangladesh requires all foreigners to obtain permission to enter its territory. Visa is issued by **Bangladesh Mission** ([bit.ly/2R9pOIC](http://bit.ly/2R9pOIC)) located throughout the world or on arrival to Bangladesh. However, it is better to have visa before flying. Please fill in the Visa Form with tourist visa option only. Visa Fees vary by country to country, Indians paying nothing... Those who are eligible for **ON ARRIVAL VISA** ([www.visa.gov.bd](http://www.visa.gov.bd)) and opting for the same please keep the following information on hand:

Valid passport (at least with 6 months validity)

Printout of the acceptance/invitation letter which has been sent to you through email by us

Two passport-size (45mm x 35mm) frontal view and white background photographs

Cash in USD for visa fee as immigration officer does not receive credit/debit cards



## Arrival at

### Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport

We are making arrangement to pick you up from the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka on **June 11-12, 2019**. Those did not send your flight details along with your arrival and departure date and time till now through email, please send it as soon as possible for official clearance and arranging your pickup facility.

Please look for the Conference Volunteers outside at Arrival Hall in Terminal 2 holding placard of the 8<sup>th</sup> SSEASR Conference.

### Weather

Weather in Dhaka City would be hot and humid. The temperature is expected to remain between **25°C and 34°C**. There might be occasional rain also; hence we suggest that please carry your umbrella.

### Venue

The 8<sup>th</sup> SSEASR Conference would be held at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Dhaka (Road 4/A, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka; URL: [ulab.edu.bd/where-is-ulab](http://ulab.edu.bd/where-is-ulab)). There will be daily pick-up and dropping back for our participants from Hotels. The pick-up on June 13, 2019 would be at 7:30 am to bring you to the Conference Hall. **Those staying at other places, please make your own arrangement to come to the Conference venue.**

### Payment & Receipt

Those who have made payments of whatsoever nature related to the Conference would be provided receipts from SSEASR desk after clearing their dues. Such receipts would be issued and handed over by over on **June 14, 2019** afternoon.

### Registration

There will be no facility for paying Registration Fee at the venue during the conference. Those who have not yet paid their fees, please make your payment before **May 25, 2019**.

### Accommodation

Our earlier Hotel Purbani has been replaced by Hotel FARS due to better connivance (such as Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi, Thai Spa, and better breakfast). This would mean an additional payment of US\$ 7 per night which can be paid to us on arrival.



### FARS Hotel & Resorts

**Address of the Hotel for the Immigration/visa application purpose:**

212, Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam Sharani, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.



### Hotel SEL Nibash

**Address of the Hotel for the Immigration/visa application purpose:**

SEL Green Centre, 30 Green Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh.

**Please note, those who have accompanying person(s) need to inform us in advance by sending the details of the person, passport copy, e-ticket) for Govt's clearance and smooth check-in.**



## Program Schedule

Program schedule of the Conference will be available in the SSEASR website after **May 18, 2019** ([www.sseasr.org](http://www.sseasr.org)).

## Stalls and Exhibitions

Bangladesh is world famous for its Jamdani Saree, an attire of most of the women from South Asia and Southeast Asia. For saving time from visit to the crowded Dhaka Jamdani markets, there will be a Jamdani Saree Stall (directly brought from the weavers). We have also put up Stalls for other folk products of Bangladesh as well as Book Stalls of reputed publishers of the country at the venue itself to facilitate the shopping.

## Pre-Conference Tour

JUNE 12, 2019



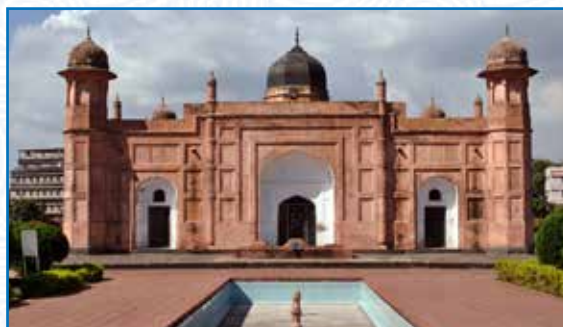
Dhakeshwari Temple



Bangladesh National Museum



Shahid Minar



Lalbagh Fort

## SCHEDULE

9:00 am	:	Leave Hotel
9:30 am-10:00 am	:	Visit Dhakeshwari Temple
10:00 am-1:00 pm	:	Visit Bangladesh National Museum Museum of Independence and Shahid Minar
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	:	Lunch
2:00 pm-3.30 pm	:	Visit Lalbagh Fort in Old Dhaka
3:30 pm-5.00 pm	:	Visit Handicrafts Market
6:30 pm	:	Dinner



# Post-Conference Tour

JUNE 16-19, 2019

## Day 1

JUNE 16, 2019



Bangabandhu Bridge on the Jamuna River



Navaratna Hatikumrul Temple



National Memorial

### SCHEDULE

10:30 am	:	<b>Leave Dhaka (after General Assembly)</b>
12:00 nn	:	Visit National Memorial
12:30 pm-1:30 pm	:	Lunch at Joy Restaurant
2:30 pm	:	Crossing the 11th longest bridge of the world: Bangabandhu Bridge on the Jamuna River
3:00 pm	:	Visit the largest Navaratna Hatikumrul Temple
3:30 pm	:	Tea and snacks at Aristocrat Restaurant
5:30 pm	:	Check in at Hotel Momo Inn, Bagura
6:30 pm	:	Dinner



Dinner and night stay at Momo Inn, Bagura



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## Day 2

JUNE 17, 2019



Somapura Mahavihara



Satya Pirer Bhita



Bhimer Panti



Jagaddal Mahavihara

## SCHEDULE

8:00 am	:	Leave Hotel
9:30 am-11:00 am	:	Visit World Heritage Somapura Mahavihara Paharpur archaeological sites, museum and Satya Pirer Bhita
11:00 am	:	Tea and snacks
11:30 am-1:30 pm	:	Visit Bhimer Panti, Jagaddal Mahavihara and Alta Dighi in the Indian Border
1:30 pm-2:30 pm	:	Lunch at Paharpur
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	:	Visit village of Munda Community and enjoy performances
5:00 pm	:	Back to Momo Inn, Bagura
6:30 pm	:	Dinner



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## Day 3

JUNE 18, 2019



Mahasthangarh



Shah Sultan Balkhi Mahisawar Mazar



Govinda Bhita



Gokul Medh

## SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am -12:30 pm : Visit Mahasthangarh archaeological site and museum  
Shah Sultan Balkhi Mahisawar Mazar, Govinda Bhita
- 12:30 pm-1:30 pm : Lunch
- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm : Visit Gokul Medh, Vasu Bihar and two-storied mud houses
- 6:30 pm : Dinner

## Day 4

JUNE 19, 2019



Kherua Mosque



Jamuna Resort

## SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am : Leave Bagura
- 9:00 am : Visit Kherua Mosque
- 11:00 am : Tea break at Jamuna Resort
- 1:30 pm- 2:30 pm : Lunch in Dhaka
- 3:30 pm-4:30 pm : Drop to Airport/Hotel



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