

Conference Programme

Day 1 - 19th January 2008

0830-0900 REGISTRATION OF CONFERENCE

0900-0910 Opening Address: Dr Kenson Kwok, Singapore
Director, Asian Civilisations Museum

0910-0940 Keynote Address: Prof Sugata Bose, USA
Gardiner Professor of History
Harvard University
Artistic Expressions of Asian Universalism

0940-1020 INDIA:
Dr Gauri Krishnan, Singapore
Senior Curator of South Asia and Research,
Asian Civilisations Museum
The Roots and Legacy of the Art of Nalanda

1020-1100 Prof Amareswar Galla, Australia
Professor of Museum Studies, The University of Queensland
Amaravati – Understanding its Significance

1100-1130 MORNING TEA

1130-1210 CENTRAL ASIA:
Dr Rajeshwari Ghose, Canada
Retired Professor, University of Hong Kong
*Kucha-the Hospitable halt for the
Weary Pilgrims in the 1st Millenium*

1210-1250 Dr Khau Ming Rubin, UK
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
*Glimpses of Mara's Army in the early Buddhist art of
ancient Xinjiang, China*

1250-1350 LUNCH BREAK

1400-1440 CHINA:
Prof Wang Bangwei, China
Dean of Oriental Studies, Beijing University
*Nalanda and the Mulasarvastivadins: Yijing's Accounts with
Further Consideration*

1440-1520 Prof Dong Yuxiang, China
Senior Research Fellow and Archaeologist
Gansu Provincial Cultural Relics and Archaeology Institute,
China
*The Production and Spread of Buddhist Sculptures from
India to China*

1520-1550 AFTERNOON TEA

1550-1630 Dr Teoh Eng Soon, Singapore
Buddhist scholar
The Chinese Assimilation of Avalokiteshvara

1630-1710 Prof Ho Puay-peng, Hong Kong
Professor, Department of Architecture
Chinese University of Hong Kong
*Housing the colossal images of Mahakaruna
Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva in 10th century China*

1710-1730 Q&A and End of Conference Day 1

Day 2 - 20th January 2008

0830-0900 Registration of Conference Day 2

0900-0940 CHINA:
Prof Frederick Asher, USA
Professor, Department of Art History
University of Minnesota
Re-Thinking Xuanzang at Nalanda

0940-1020 SOUTHEAST ASIA:
Prof Tansen Sen, USA
Department of History, Baruch College,
The City University of New York
Buddhist Networks in Asian and World History

1020-1100 Prof Nik Hassan Suhaimi, Malaysia
Senior Research Fellow and Archaeologist
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Buddhism in the Bujang Valley (5th – 10th centuries)

1100-1130 MORNING TEA

1130-1210 Prof John Miksic, Singapore
Associate Professor, Southeast Asian Studies
National University of Singapore
On Srivijaya in Sumatra and Central Java

1210-1250 Dr Peter Skilling, Thailand
École française d'Extrême Orient de Bangkok
Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre
*Writing and Representation: Inscribed Objects
in the 'Nalanda Trail' Exhibition*

1250-1350 LUNCH BREAK

1400-1440 CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE:
Ven Bhikkuni Dhammananda, Thailand
Abbot of the Songdhammakalyani Temple
Role of Women in Theravada Buddhism: India, Southeast Asia

1440-1520 Mr Jack Chia, Singapore
Department of History, National University of Singapore
The Study of Buddhism in Singapore: A State of the Field Essay

1520-1550 AFTERNOON TEA

1550-1630 Dr Ravindra Panth, India
Director of Nava Nalanda Mahavihara
*Vipassana and its important role in contemporary
Buddhist Practice*

1630-1700 Q&A and Closing Address and End of Conference Day 2