

# Workshop on Prevention of Illicit Transfer and Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Properties in ASEAN Region

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The workshop on the Prevention of Illicit Transfer and Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Properties in ASEAN Region was held in Bagan, Myanmar on 16-20 January 2009.

The workshop brought together cultural experts from each ASEAN Member State to examine ideas, experiences and relevant strategies for the prevention of the illicit transfer of ownership of cultural properties in the ASEAN Region. To this end, the workshop proposed relevant measures/strategies for ASEAN Member States to consider.

Prof. Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt, Chairman of the ASEAN National Committee on Culture and Information of Myanmar, welcomed the delegates to Bagan. In his welcoming address, he pointed out that the "illicit transfer and illegal trafficking of cultural properties, whether antique or modern, are some of the burning issues we are encountering not only now, but also we have been encountering since our past. Though legal measures have been taken and law enforcement departments have been taking action to the best of their abilities, crimes of such nature are still rampant."

For the full text of the chairman's remarks, please click here (<http://www.aseancultureandinformation.org/coci/files/speeches/Opening%20Address%20by%20Prof.%20Dr.%20Khin%20Maung%20Nyunt.pdf>)

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