

Opening Address
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Training workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage :
Traditional dance Patterns
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Distinguished ASEAN delegates, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen,
(Good Afternoon ! , Mingalabar!)

On behalf of the Ministry of Culture and ASEAN –COCI (Myanmar), I am pleased to announce that Myanmar is grateful to have the opportunity to host the "Training workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage : Traditional Dance Patterns" in Nay Pyi Taw today. On this occasion , I would like to express my sincere and warmest welcome all the delegates from ASEAN Member States who are participating in this training workshop.

According to the ASEAN Declaration on cultural heritage , we, ASEAN community considered that erosion or extinction of any tangible or intangible cultural heritage of ASEAN constitutes a harmful impoverishment of human heritage.

In order to fulfill the objective of the Networking of east Asian Cultural Heritage (NEACH) : to promote the networking and exchanges of experts in the conservation of the Arts, artifacts and cultural heritage of East Asian Countries , this training workshop is designed to develop idea and share strategies to implement the tasks on systematic preservation of traditional dances in ASEAN region , address the guidance for implementing

professionals in the area of preservation of traditional dances ,formulate guidance for the recording traditional dances in international methods in ASEAN region and establish networking of teaching personals or practitioners in the field of traditional dances . Now this Training Workshop is a good example of the close cooperation and coordination among ASEAN experts on traditional dance patterns for the protection and preservation of the ASEAN Cultural Heritage .

In my conclusion, may I hope that all participants would demonstrate with great interest and vision in this project , so that exchange of ideas and options for future oriented projects can be stimulated. And I would like to wish the training workshop with great success and fruitful results.

Finally , I also wish distinguished delegates from the ASEAN member states , invited guest with success and healthy.

May I now declare, " Training workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage : Traditional Dance Patterns " is officially opened!.

Thank you for your kind attention.