

Celebrating the International Day for Monuments and Sites 18th April 2012

The 'International Day of Monuments and Sites' is celebrated around the world on 18th of April. ICOMOS Pakistan Secretariat commemorates the day annually by arranging various events including lectures, seminars, newspaper articles, tours of historic sites, etc. involving people from various heritage related fields, particularly focusing on the theme announced by ICOMOS for each year. To mark the 40th anniversary of World Heritage Convention the theme for this year was 'World Heritage'. In Sindh the day's events were organized by the Department of Culture and the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums Sindh, in collaboration with ICOMOS Pakistan Secretariat. Among other activities a seminar was organized at the auditorium of the National Museum Karachi to focus on the two World Heritage Sites of Sindh, namely Mohenjodaro and Makli Hills.

The speakers at this event included Dr. Anila Naeem, Secretary General, ICOMOS Pakistan, who was invited to speak on the significance of the day and the World Heritage Convention. She briefly explained the history of the Convention and the significance of celebrating this day. She explained that the International Day for Monuments and Sites was first proposed by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) on 18 April 1982 and approved by the General Assembly of UNESCO in 1983 in Tunisia. It was aimed to promote awareness and contribution of common people towards the safeguarding and protection of their cultural heritage. She also elaborated on the themes previously announced for International Monuments Day since 2000 to the present. She further highlighted on this year's theme of 'World Heritage' and briefed on the 'World Heritage Convention' and the evolution of the concepts and the process of notifying the World Heritage Site designations; the aim being identification and protection of Earth's irreplaceable natural and cultural heritage, and to ensure their conservation for all mankind.

The second speaker at the event Mr. Qasim Ali Qasim, Director, Directorate of Archeology and Museums Sindh who highlighted on the significance and importance of the archaeological ruins at Mohen-jo-Daro, the first site from Pakistan given the designation of a World Heritage Sites in 1980. First he explained about the history of the site saying it was one of the largest and well planned settlements of the Indus Valley Civilization built during 2600BC and contemporary to the world's earliest major urban settlements, including the civilizations of Egypt, Babylon and Mesopotamia. Its planning is based on street grid of rectilinear buildings. Furthermore, he spoke about the present physical and conservation state of the site. In the end he shared his views on the implementation of first master plan of Mohen-jo-Daro which prescribed three main actions as part of the conservation plan: the plan to lower ground water table, controlling the flow of the Indus and a vegetation plan. He also informed that recently the process to develop a new master plan for Mohenjodaro has been announced by the Ministry of Culture, which will be in continuation of the previous one.

The last speaker Mr. Bukhari, Superintendent National Museum highlighted the Makli Hills necropolis as one of the world's largest cemetery. He called it as a burial place of several rulers, sufis and saints, during three great ruling eras of Summas, Arghuns and Tarkhan Dynasties. Furthermore, he spoke about the most prominent individual tombs at the site and discussed their present physical state of conservation and the issues of vandalism caused by visitors and people living in near-by areas. Seminar was followed by question and answers session, and concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Curator, National Museum, Mr. Iqbal. The event was followed by tea served in the lawns of the National Museum which are

part of the historic Burns Garden, giving an opportunity to all the participants to informally further their discussions.

The event brought together different conservation specialists and professionals from various disciplines, and was attended by others having interest in historic monuments. The discussions instigated evaluation and dissemination of information on conservation principles, techniques and policies. This year for the first time in Pakistan any government department got involved in organizing the 18th of April events. The Department of Culture, Government of Sindh gave advertisements in local newspapers highlighting its WHS and those included in the tentative list.

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CULTURE DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

Celebrates **40th**
WORLD HERITAGE DAY
18th April 2012

Resolves to protect, preserve, promote and develop the archeological treasures of Sindh including the World Heritage Sites (WHSs) of Mohen Jo Daro and Makli, devolved to Government of Sindh in 2011.



Makli



Mohen Jo Daro

EFFORTS OF CULTURE DEPARTMENT SINCE DEVOLUTION (JULY 2011)

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS HELD:

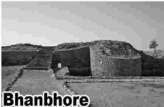
- National Conference on Mohen Jo Daro (October 2011).
- First National Conference on Chaukundi (February, 2012).
- First Int'l Conference on Bhambhore (March, 2012).

GOALS ACHIEVED IN SEMINARS:


- Promoted & Highlighted the WHSs/ other sites to the world for tourism
- Strategy for preservation prepared (including working on Master Plans)
- Community participation achieved
- Political Will generated

- Management structure of Mohen Jo Daro and Makli Strengthened
- Redefining and fencing of the boundaries of WHSs planned
- Endowment Funds created for preservation, promotion & development of WHSs
- Development Schemes for all heritage sites including WHSs
- Reprinting of "Mohen Jo Daro & Indus Civilization" by Sir John Marshall (1931)
- Upgrading tourist facilities including Rest Houses at MJD, Bhambhore and Makli
- Bhambhore got electricity after 65 years
- MOU inked with UNESCO & Heritage Foundation for Conservation & Capacity Building


ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES ON UNESCO'S TENTATIVE WORLD HERITAGE LIST SINCE 2004



Bhanbhore



Chukundi



Ranikot Fort

WE STAND COMMITTED TO MAKE ALL OUT EFFORTS TO GET THESE SITES INSCRIBED ON WORLD HERITAGE LIST OF UNESCO

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محکمہ ثقافت حکومت سندھ
چالیسواں یوم عالمی ورثہ
18 اپریل 2012 کو منایا گیا ہے۔

سندھ کے تاریخی خزانے بشمول عالمی ورثہ قرار دیے جانے والے مقامات موہنجودادو اور مکلی جو 2011 میں حکومت سندھ کو منتقل کئے گئے ہیں، انکے تحفظ، ترویج اور ترقی کیلئے سرگرم عمل ہے۔



[1980]

موہنجودادو



[1981]

مکلی

محکمہ ثقافت کی کاوشیں جولائی 2011 سے منتقلی کے بعد

کانفرنس/ سیمینار منعقد کئے گئے

- موہنجودادو پر چلی قومی کانفرنس کا انعقاد اکتوبر 2011
- چوکندی پر چلی قومی کانفرنس کا انعقاد فروری 2012
- بھنجور پر چلی بین الاقوامی کانفرنس کا انعقاد مارچ 2012

سیمینار میں حاصل کردہ مقاصد

- سندھ کے عالمی ورثے اور دیگر تاریخی مقامات کی ترویج اور نشاندہی کی گئی۔ ان مقامات کو محفوظ بنانے کے لئے ماسٹر پلان سمیت اڈیشنل تیار کیا گیا۔
- مقامی افراد کی شمولیت کو ممکن بنایا گیا۔
- سیاسی سوچ کو متحرک کیا گیا۔

- مکلی اور موہنجودادو کے انتظامی ڈھانچے کو مستحکم کیا گیا۔
- تاریخی ورثے کے ارد گرد احاطہ بڑھانے کے لئے
- عالمی ورثے کے تحفظ کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے ماحولیات کو بہتر بنایا گیا۔
- تمام تاریخی ورثے بشمول عالمی ورثے کے مقامات کیلئے ترقیاتی اسکیمیں منظور کی گئیں۔
- موہنجودادو اور دہلی، سندھ کی قریب، پرمرجان مارشل (1930) کی مشہور کتاب کو دوبارہ شائع کیا گیا۔
- مکلی، بھنجور اور موہنجودادو پر سہولتیں کیلئے سہولیات کو بہتر بنایا گیا۔
- ریسٹ ہاؤس تعمیر کئے گئے۔
- مکلی، بھنجور پر 65 سال کے بعد بجلی کی سہولت فراہم کی گئی اور پینکھلورسٹ فائبر آپٹکس کے ساتھ باہمی اشتراک کے معاہدے پر دستخط کئے گئے۔

2004 سے عالمی ورثے کی لسٹ میں شامل سندھ کے تاریخی مقامات



رنیکوٹ قلعہ



چوکندی




بھنجور

ان مقامات کو یونیسکو کے عالمی ورثے کی فہرست میں شامل کرانے کیلئے ہم نے ہر ممکن کوشش کا عزم کر رکھا ہے۔

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The Director, Directorate of Archaeology & Museums Sindh
Culture Department, Government of Sindh
in collaboration with ICOMOS Pakistan
Requests the pleasure of your company at the Seminar

**"INTERNATIONAL MONUMENTS DAY 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION"**
ON
Wednesday, April, 18, 2012 at 4:00 pm.
At
National Museum of Pakistan
Burns Garden, Karachi

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Programme Over Leaf

PROGRAMME	
Arrival of Guests	3:45 pm.
Recitation of Holy Quran	4:00 pm.
Welcome Address by the Superintendent, National Museum of Pakistan Karachi	4:05 pm.
Significance of the International Monument Day by Dr. Anila Naem	4:10 pm.
Mohenjodaro: The World Heritage Site by Qasim Ali Qasim	4:25 pm.
Makli Hills Monuments, Thatto by Dr. Muhammad Ali Manji	4:40 pm.
Vote of Thanks	4:55 pm.
Refreshment	5:00 pm.

Invitation card from Department of Culture