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## ***The 3rd Training Workshop on Disaster Risk Management for Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage: Building Resilience for Urban Heritage in Time of Changes***

**Bangkok, Thailand:** From 15-25 February 2023, the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts (SPAFA) in partnership with the Fine Arts Department Thailand, International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and the Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) and Institute of Disaster Risk Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University (R-DMUCH) is organizing a ten day course on heritage conservation focusing on historic urban areas, disaster risk management and climate change adaptation. The course will comprise interactive lectures held at Nouvo City Hotel, Bangkok and onsite workshop activities in historic quarters and other heritage sites in Bangkok.

Responding to the hurried and neverending pace of urbanization, the increased consequences of climate change and the constant threat of disaster, such as the recent Turkey-Syria earthquake on Feb. 6, participants from SEAMEO member countries and around the world such as Hong Kong, India and Iraq will develop heritage management action plans that take into account the diverse risk factors related to disasters and climate change in order to solicit management solutions for risk mitigation, adaptation and preparedness for historic urban areas.

The course will begin on 15 February 2023, with an opening ceremony held from 9:00 - 9:30 hours (Bangkok time) at Nana Bhirom Room, Ground Floor, Nouvo City Hotel, Bangkok with Welcome Remarks given by **Mr Sathaporn Thiangtham**, Deputy Director General, Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture Thailand; **Dr. Rohit Jigyasu** of ICCROM and **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dowon Kim** from R-DMUCH, with Opening Remarks given by **Mr Khemchat Thepchai**, SEAMEO SPAFA Centre Director.

SEAMEO SPAFA invites the media to attend the Opening Ceremony or any other day during the ten day course. Please RSVP your attendance by contacting SEAMEO SPAFA at [john@seameo-spafa.org](mailto:john@seameo-spafa.org). Further information can be found on SEAMEO SPAFA's website at: <https://www.seameo-spafa.org/building-resilience-for-urban-heritage-in-time-of-changes-15-25-feb-2023/>



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