

## Preface

International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHCAP) held a four-day expert network meeting on Jeju Island, starting on 30 November 2011. This meeting provided participants with an opportunity to discuss the Centre's strategies in its main functions in information and networking for ICH safeguarding.

This report includes the presentation papers of the participants and a summary of the discussions that took place at the meeting. The general discussion topics for the three sections are Implementation of 2003 Convention and International Cooperation; Strengthening Collaborative Network through ICH Information Sharing; and Building Information Systems: Identification, Documentation, and Archives. The individual papers go into detail about building online systems for disseminating ICH information; protecting intellectual property; maintaining and strengthening regional and sub-regional cooperation; and other relevant subjects.

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the Cultural Heritage Administration, Jeju Island, and the Jeju Island Seagrant who supported this meeting. I'd also like to extend to my gratitude for the presenters who worked hard to prepare informative presentations and to the other experts who participated in the meeting. Meeting on beautiful Jeju helped to reinforce the beauty of our collective agenda—safeguarding ICH, which is as rich and varied as the natural wonders to be found on Jeju.

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