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City of Melbourne will support the 10th World Conference of Historical Cities in Ballarat and kindly give us a chance to make a tour around the city as "Melbourne Tours" on 2 Nov.,2006. Must-See Landmark

Australia is perhaps best known internationally for its natural beauty, vast open spaces and the strength of its sporting teams. But unbeknownst to many people around the world, many streets in Australia's capital cities, regional centers and tiny towns are lined with historic buildings that pay testament to this country's rich heritage. Melbourne is the capital of Victoria, a state in the south-eastern corner of the mainland. One of the city's architectural treasures, the Royal Exhibition Building and the Carlton Gardens, has cemented its reputation as a must-see landmark. The 26 hectare site in Carlton, on the northern side of Melbourne's central business district, was included on UNESCO's World Heritage List in July 2004. It is the first place in Victoria to be inscribed on the World Heritage List and the first building and garden

The building and the gardens are the world's most complete surviving site from the international exhibition movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The building is a rare and outstanding example of a Great Hall where manufactured goods and technologies were displayed during the great international exhibitions. It is the last survivor from the glorious architectural era of the "Palaces of Industry" that were purpose-built for world fairs during the 19th century. The building and the gardens join 15 other Australian treasures including the Great Barrier Reef, Kakadu National Park and the Tasmanian Wilderness on the World Heritage List. The Carlton site won inclusion on the list as Australia's first built heritage site. It has been listed alongside the Kinderdijk windmills in the Netherlands and the Maritime Precinct in Greenwich, UK, as a World Heritage site connected to industry.

Royal Exhibition Building

in Australia to be listed.

The Royal Exhibition Building was designed by Joseph Reed, who won a competition to create the plans, and was built by David Mitchell for the 1880-1881 Melbourne International Exhibition. The foundations for the brick and bluestone building were laid in 1879 when Melbourne was the most prosperous city in Australia. The city was still enjoying the fruits of the 1850's gold rush that unearthed millions of pounds worth of the precious metal. The building is a grandly



The Entrance of the Royal Exhibition Building

decorative Victorian structure and, significantly, is still a popular location for exhibitions and displays. The most striking feature of the Royal Exhibition Building is the dome, which is 68 meters high and has a diameter of more than 18 meters. It is made with cast iron, timber and rendered masonry, and is finished off with gold leaf highlights. The 1880-1881 International Exhibition was held at a time when Melbourne was considered to be one of the most progressive and prosperous cities in the world.

Exhibition

Almost 12 800 exhibitors from 37 nations took part in the 8-month exhibition. Over that time, more than a million eager visitors witnessed some of the most important innovations from that time with steam locomotives, sewing machines and the latest lawn mowers on display. The success of this exhibition made an emphatic statement to the rest of the world -Melbourne was an international player with a stake in the global economy. Today, one of the biggest exhibitions to be held there is the "Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show", which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2005. The 5-day flower and garden show attracts around 125,000 visitors and spills from the Exhibition Building into the gardens, which provide a unique and beautiful setting for an exhibition of this kind. But the biggest event ever held at the Royal Exhibition Building was the "Melbourne Centennial International Exhibition" in 1888. That exhibition still holds attendance records for a Melbourne event with more than 2 million people attending the exhibition over 6 months.

Interior of the Royal Exhibition Building

The interior of the Royal Exhibition Building was redecorated when it was the venue for the opening of Australia's first Federal Parliament in 1901. In May that year, the Duke of Cornwall and York carried out the official

point of view, as it is home to about 40% of the total nation's industries. The industrial centers in the city are located in different areas according to their volume and effect on the environment. The agricultural activity in the city has a special significance at the national level as it supplies products necessary for industry, which consequently boost the economic and business sectors in the city. The city of Alexandria promotes local and foreign investment in all sectors such as tourism, agriculture, industry and Real Estate. The Alexandria Investment Services Bureau has been created to handle a heavy flow of investors and ensure the smooth carryout of investment projects, by creating a favorable climate. Investment projects are now granted higher privileges, incentives and considerable tax exemptions. There is also the system of Free Zones Investment. The Alexandria Businessmen Association, together with the Chamber of Commerce, play a key role in promoting economic and business developments in collaboration with consular missions.

Cultural Activities

The cultural activities in Alexandria are an integral part of the daily reality. Through the ages, Alexandria had its own fine position as international cultural capital. In ancient times, the library of Alexandria had spread its light on the world. Today, the new "Bibliotheca Alexandria" has been built according to the highest standards to re-attract the hearts and minds of people thirsty for fine culture, as in the past and for the following centuries. The Egyptian government together with the UNESCO showed lots of enthusiasm toward the project of reviving the Alexandrine Library, which once played a great role in the development of knowledge, science and

culture not only in Egypt but in all the Mediterranean coast, too. Traditional and public libraries in Alexandria combine old and modern knowledge, linked with worldwide cultures.

Alexandria's cultural activities are provided through eight cultural centers demonstrating such arts as theatre performances, plastics arts, cinema, and intellectual and literary seminars. These centers are sensitive to both popular and international arts and organize visits, camps and host international conferences. Alexandria regularly hosts several international festivals and cultural events, such as the Alexandria Biennalle, the Alexandria International Film Festival, and the Alexandrine World Festival to name but a few. Alexandria University with its prestigious scientific research centers plays a key role in promoting a cultural life and maintaining a civilized concept around the community. Civil organizations contribute to implementation of cultural events while undergoing their social and environmental development activities.

The Second Largest City in Egypt

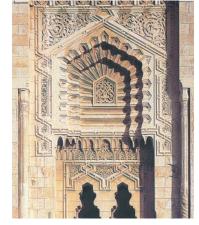
Modern Alexandria which has evolved since 19th century, features a special architectural style combining both local and European styles, those are clearly seen in its streets, public squares, gardens as well as public and private buildings. Great efforts are currently being exerted to achieve the best maintenance of Alexandria's architectural heritage and features. As well for maintaining its maritime facade, for which all governorates, private and community organizations are doing their utmost so as to bring to Alexandria its right position as one of the most prominent cities of the Mediterranean.



Temple of El Ras El Soda



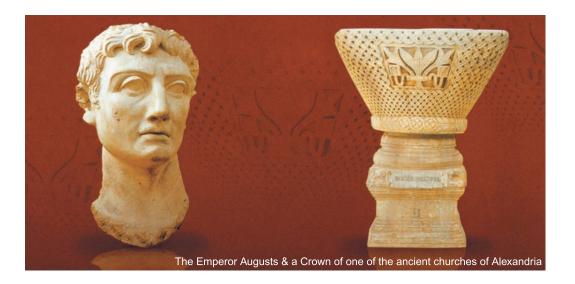
il-Masrah ir-Rumaani; Roman Amphitheater



Al Attarin Mosque

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Declaration of Peace Action by the League of Historical Cities

Historical cities are "living cities" which hand down their long cherished culture to the present. Citizens of historical cities across the world have strived tirelessly to creatively foster their unique traditional cultures. Historical cities are valuable cultural assets created by the hands of mankind, to be handed down to future generations.

Historical cities have contributed to the evolution of human civilizations through their rich accumulation of experiences and wisdom of the long history of mankind. In order for historical cities to continue rendering these services, the free exchange of information among cities and citizens are necessary. Recently, various difficulties have threatened the world peace that allows these cities to thrive through such free exchange.

We, the member cities of the League of Historical Cities, on this occasion of the 9th World Conference of Historical Cities, would like to express our commitment to promoting the free exchange of dialogue and constructive proposals between historical cities, as an effective contribution to the realization of world peace.

-In hopes of world peace-

The League of Historical Cities was founded in the hopes of contributing to the everlasting world peace to be enjoyed by all humankind.

Today, in this 21st century, even with the passage of 10 years since the founding of the League of Historical Cities, our long awaited global peace has not yet been realized, and the present situation is far from our ideal. It is critical that the disputes among nations and conflicts rooted in the differences between ethnic groups, races, cultures, religions, as well as worldwide environmental destruction and other problems be reexamined. These problems show no sign of significant improvement, while a great number of lives have been lost, and historical heritage with universal value have suffered serious damages.

We hereby, as member of the League of Historical Cities, reaffirm our commitment to respect our diverse values, deepen our mutual understanding, and use our ingenuity for realizing a world peace, so that the historical cities and the people can advance together and aim for the mutual and greater goal of a lasting peace.

20 October, 2005 in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea



Seated Stone Buddha Statue at Mireugok of Namsan



The League of Historical Cities informs with great pleasure the success of the 9th World Conference of Historical Cities in Gyeongju to all the member cities and others. 15 member cities, 4 non-member cities participated in the 9th Conference and the expert, architect, professor, etc from many countries joined together. We extensively succeeded in gathering the experience and wisdom of each historical cities and issued the "Declaration of Peace Action by the League of Historical Cities ~ in hopes of world peace" as a fruitful result.

Keynote Speech titled "Sustainable Urban Heritage Formations; Challenges and Opportunities"

As a guest of honor, the LHC invited Prof. Amareswar Galla, Ph.d. who was the Director of Graduate Studies in Sustainable Heritage Development, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, the Australian National University. He is also a visitor at the National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden, working on the implementation of Museums and Cultural Diversity Promotion in the Netherlands; Guest Curator of International Projects with the Vietnam National Department of Cultural Heritage; and Founding Convener of the Pacific Asia Observatory for Cultural Diversity in Human Development in partnership with several bodies including UNESCO.

"The history of heritage conservation is witness to the professional practice that is predominantly informed and driven by the protection and promotion of urban heritage formations. The concern with the big and monumental has often taken the stake holder local community groups out of the equation. In recent years, the decontextualisation of the various signifiers of urban heritage is increasingly coming under scrutiny. The interrogation of current practices and the ethnology of urban heritage practice call for shifting the paradigm of urban heritage conservation to one that is more holistic and inclusive. In many ways the first principles of our conceptualizing, assessing significance and establishing policy frameworks require a fresh examination.

Urban centers have always been nodes of globalization even in distant historical past. However, the accelerated pace of globalization challenges us to address the location of cultural diversity in sustainable heritage development of these dominant societal formations. In Shifting the paradigm of urban heritage development, we need to

locate our efforts in integrated local area planning. The cultural leadership of this august gathering can ensure that such a turning point can be witnessed in this historic urban center of Gyeongju."

The Meeting of the Board of Directors

Together with the 9th Conference, the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the LHC was held on October 19 and mainly discussed the next conference and the candidate cities for the future conference.

The 10th World Conference of Historical Cities will be held in Ballarat, Australia from October 29 to November 1, 2006 and the 11th Conference will be held in 2008. The candidate cities for the 11th Conference now is "Konya", "Yogyakarta" and "Zhengzhou". The Board of Directors will decide the host city at the next Board Meeting which will be held during the 10th Conference in Ballarat.

Ballarat is a city of stature, elegance and tremendous history. A regional city of the State of Victoria, Ballarat is a snapshot of the diversity and richness of Austraian life. Build on the ambitions, excitement and opportunity of the 1850's gold rush, Ballarat is the perfect place to immerse yourself in Australian culture and history. Ballarat is approximately 110 km west of Melbourne (the State's capital), with travel time between Ballarat and Melbourne at around 75 minutes, and less to Tullamarine International Airport.

The Outline of next Conference

Site:

Ballarat, Australia

Period:

29 Oct. - 1 Nov., 2006

Theme:

Sustainable Historic Cities: Economics, Preservation and Visions for the future Early Bird Registration:

AUD\$500 (until 30 June, 2006)

Official web site:

http://www.leaguehistoricalcities-ballarat.com Other web site of interest

http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au

Conclusion

With the participation of more than 200 persons from 25 cities (Member:15, Nonmember:4,others:6), the 9th Conference in Gyeongju was really constructive. Here again, the LHC would like to express our sincere respect for the host city of Gyeongju. At the same time, the LHC look forward to gaining new member cities to exchange and hope that the next 10th Conference in Ballarat, Australia will be successful as well.



Mr. Baek Sang Seung, Mayor of Gyeongju addressed opening speech at Opening Ceremony on 18 October.



Professor Amareswar Galla Ph.D., The Australian National University, addressed keynote speech at opening ceremony on October 18.



Hyundai Hotel, The Conference Site Participating in the 9th Conference were more than 200 persons from 25 cities from 18 countries.

Announcement

Membership fee (US\$100/city) for the fiscal year of 2006 is collected now in accordance with the covenant of the League.

Voice from participant AMSTERDAM



Yan Van Niekert
Director, City of Amsterdam
Bureau of Monument & Archeology

The 9th World conference of Historical Cities in Gyeongju was the first one for me to attend. It started with a couple of fascinating workshops and a very interesting keynote speech by Professor Amareswar Galla. The speech contained a lot of current elements recognizable for the policy we have in Amsterdam. Besides workshops and speeches, the program contained enough possibilities to get to know the Korean heritage by taking part in excursions.

The presentations of various Cities offered a

New Principal Officers were elected by

the General Assembly on 20 October.

They will exert their utmost effort to

strengthen affiliations among cities.

broad survey of the way of protection, supervision, restoration and consolidation of cultural heritage all over the world. They were a source of inspiration for the other participating cities. Moreover I was impressed by the organization of the congress. Logistically the conference went very good and everything was taken care of in a very good way. In short, it was a very successful and inspiring conference, with compliments for the great dedication and hospitality of the city of Gyeongju!



Field Trip on 18 October
The participants enjoyed the capital
of the ancient Silla Dynasty.



Our present world is reaching an age where the "country" as a stronghold is being replaced by a global society where individual countries are not the single entities it used to be. This situation has had a impact on the way international

societies and local communities function. It is believed that decentralization will be promoted on a global scale, creating a functioning relationship where the nation and regions mutually compliment as a partner. The importance of the cooperation with the citizen has been emphasized. With the passage of 10 years, the World Conference has promoted the constructive dialogue among cities under the theme of "Preservation and Development of the Historical Cities". The exchanges are essential so as the historical cities to contribute to the development of civilization, and the world peace is precondition. Realizing the founding purpose, I look forward to a cooperation. Yorikane Masumoto, Mayor of Kyoto



It is with great pleasure that Vienna got reelected as Board of Director City in the LHC. As a new Vice-President City, Vienna will continue to play her active role in the League and the cooperation between cities.

Michael Haupl, Mayor of Vienna

Sincerely wish the LHC more progresses, enhancing the preservation of world historical cultural heritage, the prosperity and development of historical city and make fresh contribution to the realization of eternal



world peace so desired for the future of mankind by all people everywhere.

Sun Qing-Yun, Mayor of Xian



I am very honored that Ballarat has been elected to the Board of Directors for the LHC and I look forward to representing this city on the Board for the next four years. I will approach my duties



The Participants walked around the Anapji Pond with the lantern in the moonlight on October 19; "Gyeongju Historic District Night Tour".

Voice from participant CHIANG MAI



Pornchai Jitnavasathien Deputy Mayor of Chiang Mai

It gives me great pleasure to attend the 9th Conference. I would like to extend my congratulations to Gyeongju City and the League of Historical Cities for a successful and fruitful result of the conference. Chiang Mai is Thailand's second-largest city with more than seven hundred years of history and the people of Chiang Mai are rightly proud of their distinct cultural heritage. Today, as a result of rapid economic urban development, Chiang Mai City is facing many problems of conservation of our cultural heritage.

Therefore, through a number of presentations and discussions by participants broaden my vision in order to handle with the difficult issue of historical cities which City of Chiang Mai has. The conference also gives me guidance and examples from other cities for the course of action towards the preservation and restoration of historical sites in Chiang Mai. Please accept my most sincere gratitude for the role of the LHC which has played in supporting all the member cities to further development of each historical city.

I believe that 9th World Conference of Historical Cities has become the great success and the fruitful result must be the next important step in the LHC's activity.

I reckon that this Conference's organization by its host team from the City of Gyeongju, the quality of the key lecture of Prof. Amareswar Galla and of the guest lecture of Mr. You, Hong-June, the incomes which have been presented by the participating cities, the field-tours to the Gyeongju monuments and to the City of Andong, were on the highest level and well organized. It was especially interesting for me to discover as much of common in various countries. Hence there is potentially mutually useful ways in the approaches to historical cities' conservation and development programming in both of such distant places as, say, the cities of Gyeongju, Korea and Moscow, Russia, my own country. And I'm so grateful for the bright possibility which has been afforded to me by the LHC, taking part in this really big event with significant meaning in the world.

Voice from participant MOSCOW



Vladimir R. Krogius Deputy Director on Research INRECON, Moscow

with enthusiasm, diligence and care in the pursuit of cities celebrating and preserving their rich heritage and history with the ultimate goal of world peace.

David Vendy, Mayor of Ballarat

I am sure that many member cities who could not make it to the Gyeongju conference for other urgent matters are willing to join in endorsing the declaration for the future for mutual progress among historical cities.



Baek Sang Seung, Mayor of Gyeongju



I hope that the election of the City of Kiev to the Director will promote the strengthening of links of friendship and stimulate developing of mutually beneficial cooperation among all the member cities.

Olexandr Omelchenko, Mayor of Kiev

I am proud to invite you to consult the Heritage Policy adopted by Montreal City Council in May 2005. In adopting this policy,



the city Montreal met all the commitments made at the 8th Conference which we hosted in 2003.

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Gerald Tremblay,

Mayor of Montreal

In our functions of elected representatives, we all have our hearts set on improving the quality of life of our fellow citizens. Our mission is to foster economic activities, launch the construction of housings, improve traffic and protect our urban, historical or environmental heritage.

Bertrand Delanoe, Mayor of Paris

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(Photo:Henri GARAT / Mairie de Paris)



The Secretariat is pleased to announce that Dr. Saghaian Nejad, Mayor of Isfahan is responsible for the new Auditor of the LHC.

Saghairan Nejad, Mayor of Isfahan



Ballarat Delegation explained the outline of the next conference at closing ceremony on October 20.



The Participants listened carefully about the Andong's traditional area at Post-Conference activities "Andong Tour" on October 21.

Zhengzhou, as the new member of the LHC, felt so glad to take the chance to attend the 9th Conference for the first time. With considerate arrangement, abundant contents, member cities' exchanges and speakers' presentations, we have learned a lot from this conference, especially the experience on historical heritage protection and recovery. We truly believe that the LHC and its regular conference will not only do great contributions to the world historical heritage protection, but also to the world peace and

development. On behalf of Zhengzhou City, I would like here to present my sincere congratulations to the new Board of Directors of the League. And we are looking forward to doing contributions to the development of LHC, therefore, we will actively apply for the host of the 11th Conference in 2008. We have great confidence to make the 11th Conference the most successful one with our good conditions and great capabilities. We sincerely welcome all the member cities to visit Zhengzhou.

Voice from participant ZHENGZHOU



Wang Wen Chao Mayor of Zhengzhou

Host Mayor of the Next Conference : Cr. David Vendy

The Host Mayor of the 10th World Mayor of Ballarat Conference of Historical Cities

Ballarat received endorsement for its program and its theme of "Sustainable Historical Cities: Economics, Preservation and Visions for the Future" from the Board of Directors at the "Board Meeting 2005" during the 9th Conference.

The 9th Conference in Gyeongju

As Ballarat is the host city for the 10th Conference, it was important that the Chief Executive Officer and myself attended the 9th Conference in Gyeongju, Korea to ensure Ballarat had a prominent presence, that we met as many delegates as possible and we strongly promoted the 10th Conference which is to take place in Ballarat in October 2006. We looked forward with great anticipation to also experiencing generally the organization of the Conference, to keenly observe how all the components connected and to share in the culture of Korea with the many other delegates.

We were very impressed by the Hyundai Hotel as the choice of venue for the Conference both from the accommodation perspective and the halls used for the workshops, roundtable forums and the dinners. The Hall was very impressive in its size and its configuration for the sessions that were to take place there. The stage was particularly striking with the two large screens, the modern podium and the excellent backdrop of flags of the attending member cities. The presentations were of a high quality and Ballarat felt privileged that it was given the opportunity to contribute to the exchange of information with other cities in these sessions.

The social functions were also of a very high standard in terms of the quality and presentation of the food at the lunches and dinners and the entertainment that accompanied them was superb.

Generally, I would like to congratulate Gyeongju on organizing an excellent conference that was conducted very professionally. The courtesy. friendship and hospitality shown by the Koreans was outstanding and it reinforced my conviction that these Conferences serve a worthwhile purpose in promoting cultural enrichment, friendship and intellectual exchange between major historical cities in the pursuit of world peace.

Gyeongju set a very high standard and Ballarat learnt many important points that we must incorporate into the 10th Conference. We are excited about having the Conference and will provide an equally rewarding experience for delegates when they come to Ballarat in October 2006.

The 10th Conference in Ballarat

From 29 October to 1 November 2006, the City of Ballarat in Victoria, Australia will be hosting the 10th World Conference of Historical Cities. Ballarat is very honored to have been chosen as the host city and looks forward to welcoming many of our fellow member cities to our beautiful city. This will be the first time a League Conference has been held in the Southern Hemisphere and it will be occurring in the fine Spring weather of Australia. Ballarat is a city of stature, elegance and tremendous history. It has wide streetscapes, beautiful parks, gardens and grand buildings that were built during the gold rush in the 1850s and have been preserved since. It is also regarded as the birthplace of Australian democracy and this legacy can be felt in its vibrancy, community connections and strong independence hence it is referred to as "The City that Changed the Nation". Ballarat's unique lifestyle is the result of a proud heritage and it is the perfect place to immerse yourself in Australia's rich culture and history.

Ballarat is a destination that will require many delegates to travel a fair distance so why not include the Conference as part of an extended stay in Australia to explore this wonderful land of ours. There are many spectacular landscapes and wildlife havens near Ballarat, there is wonderful food and wine to sample. There are also many other attractions in the State of Victoria as there are in other parts of Australia that will leave you in awe of this country. Ballarat is a city that has a warm, friendly comfortable feeling so if you have always dreamed of visiting Australia attending the 10th Conference is your excuse. Please join us in the City that Changed the Nation and we'll ensure you have a great time. I look forward to welcoming you all to Ballarat in October 2006.

For further information please access the 10th Conference web site or contact Mr. Brenton Thomas.

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Candidate for the 11th Conference

If your city wishes to host the 11th Conference in 2008, please contact the Secretariat of the LHC for further information. The Board of Directors will decide the host city at the next Board Meeting which will be held during the 10th Conference in Ballarat.