



Second International Conference-  
Seminar on Asian Archaeology

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE  
ACADEMIC SESSIONS

*August 22, 1969*



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INVITATION FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSIONS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE-SEMINAR ON  
ASIAN ARCHAEOLOGY—AUGUST, 1969

VEN. SIR,

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

You are invited to attend the Academic Sessions of the Second International Conference-Seminar on Asian Archaeology from 22nd to 26th August, 1969, at the Hotel Samudra, Colombo 3.

Please be good enough to fill up the attached Reply Card and post it, so that it would reach the Conference Secretary, on or before August 15th, 1969.

The following details are given for your information :—

**The Theme of the Conference**

The theme of the Conference will be the Archaeology of Asia with its special reference to Ceylon whenever possible. The problems connected with Ceylon Archaeology and studies related to Art and Architecture, Iconography, Palaeography, Epigraphy, etc., relevant to the culture and civilization in Asia will be discussed.

# PROGRAMME

August, 1969

Friday 22nd (Second day after Poya)

2.00 p.m. — 5.15 p.m.

## GENERAL SESSION

*President* : Dr. G. P. MALALASEKARA,  
Chairman, National Council of Higher  
Education & President of the Archaeo-  
logical Society of Ceylon.

*Papers to be read by* :

(a) SHRI B. B. LAL, Director-General of  
Archaeology of India.

*Subject* : Progress of Indian Archaeology,  
since the holding of the First  
International Conference on  
Asian Archaeology in New-  
Delhi, in 1961.

(b) Dr. S. PARANAVITANA, Sometime  
Archaeological Commissioner, Ceylon  
and Emeritus Professor of Archaeo-  
logy, University of Ceylon.

*Subject* : Stepping Stones in the Migra-  
tion of the Indus Script to the  
Easter Island.

*Saturday 23rd (Third day after Poya)*

9.00 a.m. — 12.15 p.m.    GROUP SESSION

SECTION A

The Archaeology of the stone, bronze and Iron ages.

Study of Pre-history and Proto-history.

Archaeological Methods

The use of modern Scientific Methods in Excavation, Conservation and Preservation.

*Section Secretary* : MR. S. U. DERANIYAGALA, Assistant Commissioner, Archaeological Department, Ceylon.

2.00 p.m. — 5.15 p.m.    GROUP SESSION

SECTION B (I) (a)

The Archaeology of the later ages with particular emphasis on monuments and conservation of monuments. Descriptive and typological studies including the history of art, architecture, sculpture and painting.

*Section Secretaries* : (1) MR. S. ROLAND SILVA, Assistant Commissioner, Archaeological Department, Ceylon.

(2) DR. L. PREMATHILAKA, Lecturer in Archaeology, University of Ceylon, Peradeniya.

Sunday 24th (Fourth day after Poya)

9.00 a.m. — 12.15 p.m.    GROUP SESSION

SECTION B (I) (b)

The Archaeology of the later ages with particular emphasis on monuments and conservation of monuments. Descriptive and typological studies including the history of art, architecture, sculpture and painting.

*Section Secretaries* (1) MR. S. ROLAND SILVA, Assistant Commissioner, Archaeological Department, Ceylon.

(2) DR. L. PREMATHILAKA, Lecturer in Archaeology, University of Ceylon, Peradeniya.

2.00 p.m. — 5.15 p.m.    GROUP SESSION

SECTION B (II)

The Archaeology of the later ages with special reference to epigraphy, palaeography and numismatics (with emphasis on literary sources, the art of writing and documentary evidence).

*Section Secretary* : MR. W. B. MARCUS FERNANDO, Assistant Commissioner, Archaeological Department, Ceylon.

Monday 25th (Fifth day after Poya)

9 a.m. — 12.15 p.m.

## GROUP SESSION

### SECTION B (III)

The Archaeology of later ages with special reference to Buddhism, Hinduism and other religions of Asia with special emphasis on Ceylon, the Indian Sub-Continent, Central Asia, Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan and other countries of Asia. The spread of Buddhism, Aspects of Jainism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity which have a bearing on Ceylon.

*Section Secretaries* : (1) MR. W. B. MARCUS FERNANDO, Assistant Commissioner of Archaeological Department, Ceylon.

(2) DR. ANURADHA SENEVIRATNE, Lecturer in Sinhala, University of Ceylon, Colombo.

2.00 p.m. — 5.15 p.m.

## GENERAL SESSION

*President* : DR. SENARAT PARANAVITANA, sometime Archaeological Commissioner and Emeritus Professor of Archaeology, University of Ceylon, Peradeniya.

This Session is to discuss the general topics. Resolutions can be tabled and discussed. The Programme for the Third International Conference on Asian Archaeology will also be discussed. Section Secretaries will submit reports of Group Sessions.

Tuesday 26th (Pre-Poya day)

9.30 a.m. — 12 Noon

CLOSING SESSION

*Chairman*: DR. R. H. DE SILVA, Acting  
Archaeological Commissioner, Ceylon.

The final Draft Report including the  
resolutions adopted at this Conference  
will be discussed and approved.

Vote of thanks :

(a) on behalf of the guests—

SHRI B. B. LAL, Director-General of  
Archaeology, India.

(b) on behalf of the hosts—

DR. SADDHAMANGALA KARUNARATNE,  
Conference Secretary.

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22nd July, 1969

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