

## Director-General's Reception : Welcome Speech

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Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, I would like to welcome all the participants from Myanmar, Thailand, Mongolia and Japan. We are delighted to have so many talented and distinguished scholars with us today.

My name is Ken'ichi Sudo, Director-General of the National Museum of Ethnology, Japan, commonly known as Minpaku. It is my great pleasure to host this “International Research Meeting on Museology, 2013.”

Minpaku was founded in 1974 as an Inter-University Cooperative Research Institute in order to serve as a research center for cultural-anthropology. We have been organizing an international training course on Museology since 1994 supported by JICA and in collaboration with the Lake Biwa Museum. The course covers a wide range of museum activities, from collection planning, acquisition, and documentation to conservation, exhibition, education and public relations. Since then, museum-related professionals from all over the world have participated in the course. Seven participants and observers from Myanmar have joined the course to date. Today's international meeting is an extensive course of Comprehensive Museology in Minpaku.

I believe that Minpaku has a great opportunity here to develop the dialogue and networks of museums between us.

I really appreciate your participation here at Bagan.

Thank you all very much indeed.