Asia-Pacific Dialogue on Heritage and Authenticity

Rethinking Heritage Authenticity:
An Asia-Pacific Dialogue for the Future of World Heritage

HA NOI – NINH BINH, VIET NAM
27 September – 1 October 2026

LOGISTICAL NOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

This logistical note provides practical information concerning travel arrangements, accommodation, meeting venues, transportation, visa requirements, and other useful information to facilitate participants' attendance and participation in the Dialogue.

1. Conference information

Dates	27 September – 1 October 2026
Venue	Ha Noi and Ninh Binh, Viet Nam
Convened by	Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
In partnership with	UNESCO
Format	Two and a half conference days, complemented by arrival and registration arrangements, official and protocol events, and a technically structured field visit

With the contribution of:

2. Tentative Program

Day 0 · Sunday, 27 September 2026 · Arrival of delegates.	Venues
• Arrival and registration of delegates (all day) • Optional city tours (afternoon)	1/Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi 2/Hoa Binh hotel, 27 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi
Day 1 · Monday, 28 September 2026 · Authenticity in a Changing World	**Venues**
• Official opening: Government of Viet Nam, UNESCO and institutional partners • Keynote paper - Thirty years after Nara — why must the application of authenticity be reconsidered?	Conference Ballroom, Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi
• Lunch	Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi
• Sharing sessions and discussions: Authenticity under Climate Change, conflict, disaster, displacement, urbanization and tourism; Authenticity, integrity and OUVs – clarifying the relationships and evidentiary requirements; Issues requiring testing through APA cases.	Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi.
• Welcome dinner hosted by the Chairman of the Ha Noi People's Committee.	Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi
Day 2 · Tuesday, 29 September 2026 · Testing Authenticity through Asia-Pacific Cases	**Venues**
• Morning: Optional visit tour at Thang Long Citadel World Heritage site	The Central sector of the Imperial Thang Long Citadel, 19C Hoang Dieu, Ha Noi
• Lunch	Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi.
• Parallel case laboratories	Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi
Day 3 · Wednesday, 30 September 2026 · From Evidence to World Heritage Practice	**Venues**
• Parallel working groups • Working group report; Final plenary, Closing session	Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi
• Lunch	Melia hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi
• Transfer to Ninh Binh for technical visit • Check in hotel in Ninh Binh	1/Legend hotel. 2/Hoang Son hotel, Ninh Binh city.
Day 4 · Thursday, 1 October 2026 · Technical Field Visit	**Venues**
• Technical Field Visit • Departure to Noi Bai airport. End of Program.	Trang An Landscape WH

3. Conference Venue

Melia Hanoi Hotel

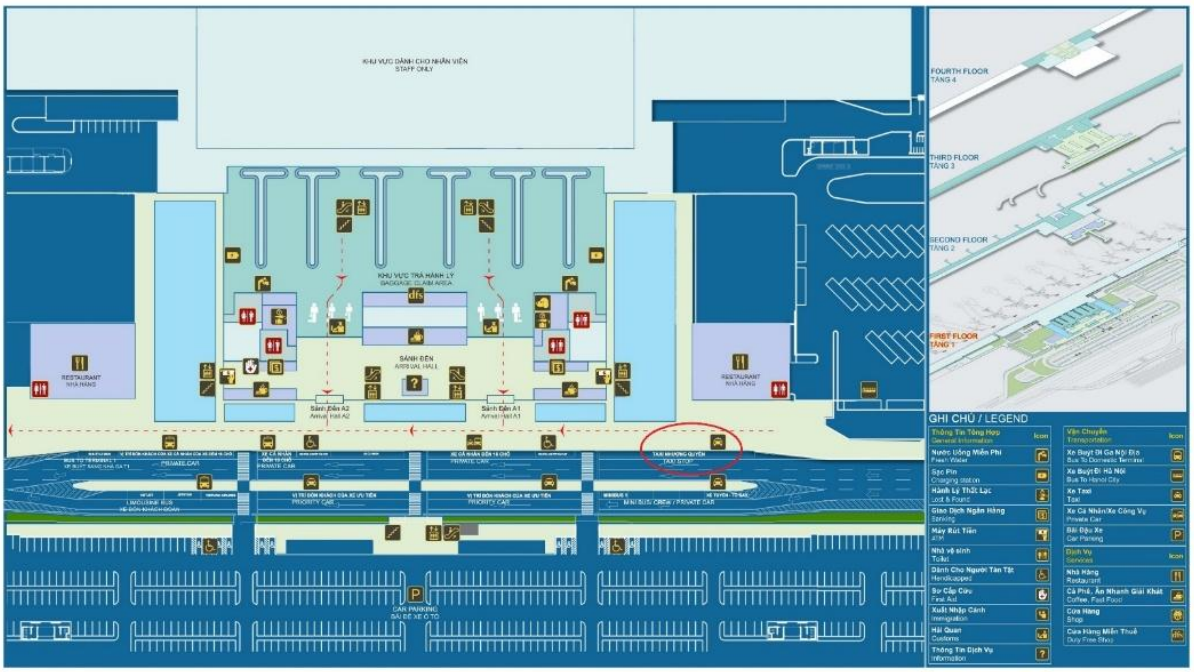
Address:
44B Ly Thuong Kiet Street, Hoan Kiem District, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

https://maps.app.goo.gl/x3f1sQFLJkC6hKxYA

Telephone:
+84 24 3934 3343

Website:
www.melia.com

4. Access to the Venue from the Airports



https://noibaiairport.vn/en/International-Terminal-T2--nid13.html

Noi Bai International Airport is located approximately 30 kilometres from central Ha Noi. Travel time between the airport and the city centre is approximately 40 to 50 minutes depending on traffic conditions. Official airport bus, taxis and ride-hailing services are readily available upon arrival.

Unless otherwise informed, participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation between Noi Bai International Airport and their hotel.

By Taxi:

Taking a taxi is one of the most popular and convenient ways to get from Hanoi Airport to Hanoi city center, especially for travelers carrying heavy luggage or seeking a direct transfer without the hassle of navigating public transport. Average price: Approximately VND 300,000 - VND 400,000 (USD 11.70 - 15.60), depending on traffic and exact destination. Estimated travel time: Around 45 - 60 minutes under normal traffic conditions. Pick-up point: Taxis are available directly outside the arrival hall on the ground floor. Only use registered taxi queues to avoid unlicensed drivers.

5. Accommodations near the conference venue

5a. Ha Noi City:

Hotel Name	Class	Walking Time & Distance	Direct Home Page / Link
Melia hotel	5 star	0m	Melia Ha Noi
Somerset Grand Hanoi	5 star	5-6 min (450m)	Somerset Grand Hanoi
Hoa Binh hotel	4 star	6-8 min (650m)	Hoa Binh hotel
Signature by M Village Thợ Nhuộm	4-star	3-4 min (300 m)	Signature by M Village Booking Page
Affa Boutique Hotel HaNoi	3-star	5-7 min (500 m)	Affa Boutique Hotel Home Page
Hanoi Capital Premium Hotel	3-star	7-9 min (650 m)	Hanoi Capital Hotel Home Page

Check-in and Check-out: The standard check-in time is 14:00 hrs, and the standard check-out time is 12:00 noon. Requests for early check-in or late check-out are subject to hotel availability and may incur additional charges. Participants are responsible for covering all accommodation expenses, including any additional costs arising from early check-in, late check-out, extended stays, or other incidental charges, which should be settled directly with the hotel.

5b. Ninh Binh City:

Accommodation for the Ninh Binh programme will be arranged at:

1/ Ninh Binh Legend hotel, 177 Le Thai To, Ninh Binh. https://ninhbinhlegendhotel.com

2/ Hoang Son Peace hotel, 98 Trinh Tu, Ninh Binh. https://hoangsonpeacehotel.com.vn/

Further details will be provided prior to the event.

Participants are responsible for any personal expenses incurred during their stay, including minibar consumption, room service, laundry, telephone charges, and other incidentals.

6. Meals and Hospitality

The organizers will provide:

- Coffee breaks during meeting sessions;
- Lunches during official conference days;
- Official reception and dinner as specified in the programme.

Participants are requested to indicate any dietary requirements, food allergies, or special meal requests in advance.

Any meals not included in the official programme will be at participants' own expense.

Dining Options On-Site at Meliá Hanoi

For maximum convenience without leaving the hotel:

- **Cham Cantonese Kitchen**
  - Located inside the hotel, offering an upscale environment specializing in authentic Cantonese dishes, exquisite dim sum, and select Asian-fusion flavors.
- **Mosaico**
  - The hotel's all-day dining restaurant, featuring an international menu with Mediterranean influences, global comfort foods, and spacious seating.

Local Cuisine, Street Food & Michelin-Recommended Spots (Walking Distance)

https://guide.michelin.com/tr/en/ha-noi/ha-noi_2974158/restaurants

For meals out on the town highlighting local flavors and entries from the MICHELIN Guide Hanoi:

- **Phở Gà Nguyệt** *(MICHELIN Bib Gourmand)*
  - **Location/Walk:** Phủ Doãn Street (~10–12 minute walk / short taxi ride)
  - **Specialty:** Celebrated street-food spot known for tender, juicy chicken pieces served over clear-broth pho or savory mixed noodles. Highly rated for authentic local flavor and value.
- **Chả Cá Thăng Long** *(MICHELIN Selected)*
  - **Location/Walk:** Near the edge of the Old Quarter (~10–15 minute walk)
  - **Specialty:** A legendary establishment specializing in Hanoi's signature turmeric-marinated grilled fish, sizzled at your table with dill, spring onions, and shrimp paste.
- **Luk Lak Vietnamese Restaurant** *(MICHELIN Selected)*
  - **Location/Walk:** Le Phung Hieu Street area (~12–15 minute walk)
  - **Specialty:** Elevated comfort food showcasing authentic regional recipes and northern Vietnamese heritage dishes in a stylish, welcoming setting.

7. Transportation During the Event

The organizers will provide transportation for official programme activities, including:

- Transportation from Melia to Thang Long Citadel on 29 September 2026;
- Transportation from Ha Noi to Ninh Binh on 30 September 2026;
- Transportation for official site visits and field activities.

Participants are kindly requested to observe announced departure times to avoid delays to the programme.

8. Visa Requirements

Participants are requested to verify visa requirements applicable to their nationality prior to travel.

Participants requiring a visa to enter Viet Nam should contact the nearest Vietnamese Embassy or Consulate as early as possible.

For e-visa application, please visit: https://evisa.gov.vn/

Passports should be valid for at least six months beyond the date of entry into Viet Nam.

Upon request, the organizers may provide supporting documentation for visa applications.

For query related to e-visa application:

1/ Hoang Bao Chau, Viet Nam NATCOM, Email: hoangbaochau1506@gmail.com

Phone, WhatsApp: +84 96 274 5204

9. Working Language

The working language of the Dialogue will be:

- English. Interpretation services will be provided for English – Vietnamese only.

All meeting documents will be made available electronically unless otherwise specified.

10. General Advice

Climate and Dress Code

September and October are slightly warm in northern Viet Nam, with average temperatures ranging from approximately 24°C to 32°C. Participants are advised to bring:

- Business or smart casual attire for conference sessions;
- Comfortable clothing and footwear for field visits;
- A light jacket or shawl for air-conditioned meeting rooms;
- An umbrella or rain protection in the event of occasional showers.

Currency and Banking

The official currency of Viet Nam is the Vietnamese Dong (VND). The payment methods are normally available in international credit cards; Apple Pay, Samsung Pay and Cashless QR code scan. Cash is also commonly accepted. Currency exchange services are available at:

- Noi Bai International Airport;
- Commercial banks;
- Licensed exchange counters;
- Major hotels.

Participants may wish to carry a modest amount of local currency for small purchases and local transportation.

Electricity

Electricity supply in Viet Nam is:

- Voltage: 220V
- Frequency: 50Hz

Common plug types include Type A, Type C and Type F.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own travel adapters and chargers as required.

Internet and Communications

Wireless internet access will be available at meeting venues and accommodation facilities.

Participants are encouraged to bring personal laptops and mobile devices for use during the Dialogue.

Any international telephone charges or personal communication expenses incurred during the stay shall be borne by participants.

Health and Medical Services

Participants are strongly encouraged to obtain comprehensive medical and travel insurance prior to departure.

Participants should bring any necessary personal medication and relevant medical information.

Emergency Numbers in Viet Nam

Police: 113

Fire and Rescue: 114

Ambulance: 115

Medical Facilities

In case of emergency, participants should contact the event secretariat or hotel reception for assistance.

11. Site Visit Information

The programme includes a field visit to the Trang An Landscape Complex World Heritage Property in Ninh Binh Province.

Participants are advised to:

- Wear comfortable walking shoes;
- Bring sun protection, drinking water, and rain protection as appropriate;
- Follow the instructions of guides and organizers;
- Respect local customs and regulations governing heritage sites.

TIME	CONTENT	NOTES
September 30, 2026		
13:00–14:30	Delegation travels from Hanoi to Tam Chuc Pagoda	
14:30–16:30	Delegation visits Tam Chuc Pagoda	
16:30–17:00	Delegation travels to Hoang Son Hotel, Ninh Binh Province, and checks in	
19:00–20:00	Reception hosted by the Ninh Binh Provincial People's Committee at Hoang Son Hotel	
October 1, 2026		
8:00–9:00	Presentation on the Trang An Landscape Complex, covering management, conservation, and heritage value promotion linked to local livelihoods	
9:00–11:30	Delegation visits the Trang An Ecotourism Area, then returns to Hoang Son Hotel	Route 3
12:00–13:00	Lunch at Hoang Son Hotel	
From 13:00	Delegation travels back to Hanoi	

12. Contact Information

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