

29 October 2025: Update from the Convenors of GA 2026.

Dear colleagues of the ICOMOS Family,

We had just return from Nepal where we had experience a very unique General Assembly experience. Under very difficult logistical difficulties. ICOMOS Nepal had staged a truly memorable General Assembly and Scientific Symposium. We are most impressed with imagination and ingenuity of the staging of each significant part of the Event. We congratulate the Organisers, Convenor Kai Weise and President Gyanin Rai and all of ICOMOS Nepal, for a well-conceived and executed Event.

Personally, the serenity and significance of Lumbini as a place is unmatched. My decision to take the 20 minutes' walk each morning was a decision I grew to enjoy, experiencing a leisurely appreciation for the Lumbini countryside, flora and fauna, leading to a decision to take a 10km walk on Wednesday morning. That I regretted with my calf-muscles seizing up on me. Nepal was the first time I took a tuk-tuk in my life.

This update is in response to some remarks made by concerned delegates who was of the view that the Registration fees proposed for GA 2026 was somewhat on the high side. We had been advised by previous TGA convenors backed by records and by our Professional Conference Organiser that the proposed rates are within norm. Nevertheless, the Treasurer looked at his figures again and proposed to the Committee that we could perhaps reduced the Super Early Bird and Early Bird Rates to encourage a better response and hopefully cover part of the deficit from a better than budgeted attendance. In addition, we will have to raise more funds by approaching more sponsors.

These rates had now been uploaded onto the website and I hope that more of you will be able take part in the Malaysian Borneo Party in 2026.

Please take advantage of the revisions and help us by registering as early as possible. Super Early Bird ends on 31st December 2026 and as an incentive, we will recognise the first 5 registrants in a special way.

We wait to greet you with a Malaysian **SELAMAT DATANG**

Kian Boon TIONG on behalf of the Committee.