



## THIRD UPDATE, 3<sup>rd</sup> SSEASR Conference, Bali

Dear SSEASR Fellows,

We are happy to announce that our 3<sup>rd</sup> SSEASR Conference has progressed very well, and with the likely participation of over 500 academicians from 58 countries, we are going to have a great time to listen to over 450 papers on culture and religion.

### VENUE AND WEATHER

The 3<sup>rd</sup> SSEASR Conference would be held mainly at the artistic Campus of the **Institut Seni Indonesia (ISI), Denpasar**. Some of the panels and the Closing Ceremony would be at the newly developed campus of the **UNHI, our second main host**. There shall be *six running panels* all the time. The Registration desk, the Book Exhibition and the Travel Desk would start functioning from the morning of June 2, 2009. We have received mails from several participants regarding their planned stay at **Ubud**, and coming to the Conference venue every day. The distance being far, the narrow lanes and snarling traffic might make it extremely tough to reach *even in an hour and half* one way.

The weather in Bali is the most pleasant at this time of the year. The temperature would vary from low 15°C to high 27°C. Those going to the mountains (such as Cintamani area) would require a light woolen shawl or pullover if they stay there overnight.

### ACCOMMODATION

Those who have not yet let us know about the choice of Conference assigned hotels must do at the earliest. The Puri Dalem is completely sold out and Inna Sindhu does have very few rooms left. Puri Ayu has 12 more rooms with us. **The rates for the Grand Bali Beach Hotel 5 Star and the Sanur Paradise Plaza Hotel (4 star) have been reduced by US\$ 10 per day/per room.** Those staying with our listed hotels would be provided courtesy pick-up and send-off every day in the morning and evening by our vehicles. *Those willing to stay on their own may have to take their own mode of transport to reach the venue.* As the hotels listed are already paid and blocked by us, **all the payments for our hotel rooms OUGHT to be paid at the Registration Area only on the day of arrival**, and the required receipt would be issued to you.

### REGISTRATION

Late fee registration rate has started from March 3 onward. The registration payments would be also possible on site provided you have informed us before hand. Except the SEASR Life Members, all would be required to pay the new rate (as mentioned in the SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT). It may be please noted that we do not have any more subsidy to cover or reduce the registration rate; hence, such pleas might be avoided at the Registration Desk.

### VISA AND ARRIVAL

Visitors from over 60 countries can purchase a visa on arrival at Denpasar (no photos required). The fee for this visa, payable upon landing, is **now** US\$15 for a 7 day visa and US\$30 for a 30-day visa (ONLY US \$ in cash). For more details, please log on to <http://www.indo.com/tplan/visa.html>.

The delegates, who would inform us of their date and time of flight, will be received at the Denpasar airport on June 2 morning 10 AM till June 3 morning 6 AM. Due to the inauguration taking place around 8 AM on June 3, the service of receiving will be not available after that.

## REGISTRATION AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Those who plan to make the payments of their registration fee on arrival, please note that they are required to pay with the late fee charges as mentioned in the Second Announcement. Before getting the registration and the conference kit, the entire money of all the hotel nights, post-Conference Borobudur tour and registration amount need to be paid to us on the day of arrival itself. We mainly have the arrangement to collect the amount in US\$ cash though attempts are being made to arrange credit card payment system at the venue.

## BOROBUDUR AND PRAMBANAN TOUR


As this tour was organised by the internal resources, we have made the best possible arrangements (tour operators go for the same type of itinerary at much higher cost). We are flying both ways on **Garuda Air**, the only internationally accredited and recognized airlines in the region with fantastic safety history. This would also allow most of you to directly check-in with the entire luggage at Yogyakarta airport (code: JOG) to your return destinations if you are planning to do on June 9 after 5 PM when we come back from the trip at 15:20). The starred hotels are provided and the local movements in the Java Island would be by luxury buses. The trip would take you to the Stupa and the Temples as mentioned earlier. Meals are also being covered by us. The total cost now comes as such: **US\$ 330 per head** (in single room accommodation) and **US\$ 300 per head** (twin/double room). Therefore, those who want to send their choice of rooms for the trip must inform us by April 3, 2009. After April 15, there will be no possibility to cancel the trip, and advance money deposited would not be refunded. Now, the bad news. **This entire tour is sold out.**

## CULTURAL TOUR

We have made very special arrangements to take the SSEASR registered participants on a local tour to Gianyar city to attend a Balinese annual ritual dance on June 6 (evening 5 PM). As this is highly solemn and private ceremony being conducted inside the Hindu temple, there are certain dress compulsions to enter the temple and watch it. Dresses would be provided by us and we expect our fellows to respect the sentiments of the Balinese culture and religion within the precinct of the Temple. It would end up with a royal dinner with the King of Gianyar in his palace. It is a tour paid and arranged by us, hence, it would be limited to those who can follow the norms as per required by the Temple and Gianyar city authorities.

## TOURS AND TRAVELS



To mark the , we have made some arrangements for your both pre and post Conference travel requirements.  is our official tour company providing the pre-Conference and post-Conference tours around Bali. **Mr. I Gusti Nyoman Natanael**, the main person in the Company has agreed to provide discounted rates for the tours in and around Bali which will be available to the SSEASR registered participants from May 30 to June 10, 2009 (contact: [natanael@vayatour.com](mailto:natanael@vayatour.com) ; [gusti.natanael@gmail.com](mailto:gusti.natanael@gmail.com) ). Some of the highlights are:

### Denpasar City Sights (half day)



Join this morning tour for a comprehensive orientation tour of the main town on the island of Bali, Denpasar. You will visit Bajra Sandi Monument which is dedicated to the spirit of Balinese struggle, Kumbasari traditional market where you might able to experience bargaining system. Your tour also includes a visit to Bali Museum (closed on Monday) and the Jagadnatha Temple, the biggest Temple in Denpasar.

### Bali Highlight (full day)



This is the most popular tour of Bali. Your full day tour covers three of the most famous art villages, Celuk; famous for its silver smiths, Kemenuh; the village of renown woodcarvers and Ubud; home of Bali's most famous artists. Also included on this full day tour are visits to the Elephant cave and Holy spring temple, which is believed to have the magic curative powers. Luncheon is available at optional at the famed Kintamani Restaurant where you can enjoy the spectacular view of Volcano and Lake Batur.

### Scenic East of Bali and Besakih (full day)



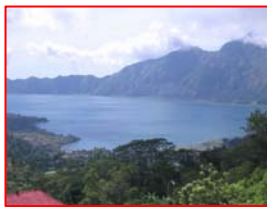
A varied and interesting day tour which features travel east beginning with the small town of Gianyar and Klungkung where you can visit the Kertagosa ; an ancient court house with typical kamasan wayang painted on its ceilings depicting scenes of punishments and reward in the after-life. Proceed to Goa Lawa and Tenganan, the village of the Aga tribe who has its own culture and who live in a totally different style of architecture, a walled isolationist town. Proceed for luncheon at optional to Bukit Jambul. This afternoon is devoted to the most beautiful and largest temple in Bali: **Besakih**.

### Bedugul and Tanah Lot (full day)



This Tour leads to Taman Ayun, The Royal Temple and Monkey Forest, then continues on to the mountain village of Bedugul with it is breathtaking view of Lake Beratan, stop at Ulun Danu Temple on the shore of the lake and also at the fruit and flower market, Luncheon is available at the famed Pacung Restaurant while the beautiful rice terraces and then continue on to spectacular sea Temple Tanah Lot. Experience the sunset beyond the black lava towers of the sacred 16th century temple.

### Kintamani & Besakih tour (full day)



This tour is combination of culture and nature. Begin with a visit of Kerta Gosa , hall of justice on it's ceiling painted by Kamasan style which inspire you the Balinese epic of life. The mother Temple , Besakih which was built by Hindu holy priest Danghyang Dwijwndra who did holy traveling from Java in 8th century and now is become the biggest complex of almost 50

Temple. Proceed to Kintamani with it magnificent view of Lake and Volcano "Batur" is an ideal place to spend your lunch time. Drive down hill to Sebatu Temple, the holy spring Temple and Tegallalang rice terrace are another attraction before entering your hotel.

### Grand Circle of Bali (full day)



Begin with a scenic drive through Bedugul area to Ulun Danu; a temple by the Lake Beratan. Proceed to the world renowned Bali Handara Country Club, one of the finest golf course. Enjoy the sight of monkeys begging for food along the road to Git Git Waterfall. Drive onto the very top of Bali, Singaraja. Luncheon can be served at the Lovina Beach area on the northern coast of Bali. On the way back to your hotel enjoy vistas of endless lush rice fields, rice terraces and hilly gardens. his full tour will indeed be a day of Paradise.

### Royal Temple and Tanah Lot (half day)



Visit the huge state temple of Pura Taman Ayun, surrounded by a wide moat. This was the main temple of the Kingdom which ruled until 1891. Drive on for a visit to the Monkey Forest. Proceed to the most photographed and famous temple in Bali, Tanah Lot. Set at the edge of the sea.

### Bali Barong Dance (half day)



This is a morning trip through countryside to Batubulan village to attend the Barong/Kris Dance. Barong is a mythical creature with long swayback and curved tail, represents the protector of Mankind and the favorable spirits associated with the right and white magic mean while Rangda, the widow-witch, is its opposite complement. She rules the evil spirits and witches who haunt graveyards late at night.

### Bali Kecak Dance (evening)



Also known as "Monkey Dance", this is a chorus of a ritual trance ceremony played by a hundred persons or more sitting in rings within a circle around a large burning torch. They gather at dusk in the village hall or under the sacred Banyan tree. A story taken from Ramayana Hindu epic, how an army of monkeys came to aid Prince Rama to defeat the evil of King Rawana who kidnapping Princess Shinta.

### Ubud Rice field Walk (half day, afternoon)



In the evening your easy walk starts from the village of art, Ubud. As you walk through the rice field, a solitary temple, you might even catch glimpses of rare birds. See activities in the evening which are centered around the local traditional Balinese village, still unaffected by mass tourism. Then proceed to Petulu Village which is home to the white egrets which is wild and lives in the surrounding area. This is a wonderful way to experience the natural beauty of local Bali.

### Mt. Batur Climbing



Mt. Batur (1,717 meter above sea level) is located at Kintamani area, an active volcano with last eruption in 1994. You will be picked up after midnight around 2 a.m to drive for 2 hours up to Penelokan, where the roads slide down to the foot of Mt. Batur. Trek for 2 hours to reach the rim for sunrise. After a short break you will return to the starting point to re-join your coach and drive back to Denpasar. Arrive back at hotel at noon.

## PHONES AND CONTACTS

Our Conference Secretariat is working tirelessly round the clock. The SSEASR Main Secretariat would shift to Bali from May 15, 2009. WE can still be reached there by the email: [secretariat@sseasr.org](mailto:secretariat@sseasr.org) The Conference Secretariat at Denpasar Campus( [thirdSSEASR@hotmail.com](mailto:thirdSSEASR@hotmail.com) ) is also functional 24 hours a day from February 15 to June 6 noon. While in Bali, you may call or contact us on the following cell phones:

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