

# 4th International Hindukush Culture Conference

Exploring the Hindukush for Cultural Diversity, Revitalization and Development



Notes for Participants

## 4<sup>th</sup> International Hindukush Cultural Conference

September 14-16, 2020

Chitral Town , Pakistan

### 1. Dates

14-16 September 2020

### 2. Venue

Chitral Town, Chitral

### 3. Language

English will be working language for the conference. If any presenter requiring translator for his/ her presentation he/ she needs to arrange his/ her own, and registration for both is required.

### 4. Conference website

<https://fli-online.org/site/ihcc4>

### 5. Registration and Payments

To confirm participation in the conference registration is required.

Registration fee for International presenter is : US\$ 100, national presenter : PKR 3000, Independent researchers from indigenous communities of northern Pakistan: PKR 1500 and students PKR 1000

The Registration fee will cover the following:

- ✓ Conference kit
- ✓ Access to all sessions
- ✓ Morning and afternoon refreshments and launches for three days (14-16 Sep, 2020)
- ✓ Reception Dinner with Cultural Show on 15 September 2020
- ✓ Certificate of attendance/presentation

Accommodation expenses are NOT included in the registration fee.

Online registration will open by 1st March 2020. We recommend you to prompt registration as places are likely to fill up quickly. Registration can only be confirmed once payment is received.

After payment process is successfully completed, you may request a personal invitation letter (if required) from the Conference Secretariat, accessible at this email address: [4thihcc@gmail.com](mailto:4thihcc@gmail.com)

Cancellation of the registration can be made within 14 days after you registered, and the refund will be made in full within 14 days after the submission of official cancellation request.

## 6. Conference registration

All participants will need to register on Day 1 of the conference at the designated Registration Desk. There participants will be able to collect their identification tags and conference kits. The Registration Desk will be open on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 07:30 to 01:00 pm hours. Participants will be required to show their NIC/passports at the registration desk in order to issue their tags.

Please note that all participants will always be required to wear their name tags during the conference to facilitate identification, security and communication with other participants and members of the Secretariat. There will be a strict policy of 'NO NAME TAG, NO ENTRY' at the venue and all meeting rooms, including the lunch area.

## 7. Visas

To travel Pakistan visa is required. However, the Federal Government of Pakistan has removed restrictions on foreigners to travel to Chitral and nearby regions. Online visa facilities are available for most of the countries while citizens of some countries can also get visa on arrival. See your country on this [link](#). If you need invitation letter please write to the Conference Secretariat at [4thihcc@gmail.com](mailto:4thihcc@gmail.com)

## 8. Accommodation

Chitral town has hotels ranging for all kind of budget.

Participants should arrange and pay for their bookings with the hotel directly. More information about the hotels will be uploaded soon.

## 9. Meals

Morning and afternoon tea breaks as well as lunches will be provided from 14-16 Sep 2020. There will be a reception dinner on the 15 September.

## 10. Chitral climate

In September Chitral's temperatures are expected to be normal (range 21-29<sup>0</sup>C). Normal clothing will work for this weather. Usually in the month of September the town gets not much rains. As temperature remains normal and therefore the guests may not expect or need air-conditioned rooms for stay. Day and night climate usually doesn't differ with each other during September.

## 11. Travel

The nearest international airports for Chitral are Peshawar and Islamabad airports. From there, various options to travel onwards are available. The conference organizers will establish reception at Peshawar and Islamabad airports to facilitate international participants.

### 1. Air Flight

Currently the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) operates one flight on weekly basis each from Islamabad and Peshawar to Chitral. Any change in the flight schedule takes place by the time, the same will be updated. It takes around 40 minutes to Chitral. For detail check [PIA websites](#)

## 2. Land Transport options to Chitral from down Cities

### a. Islamabad to Chitral.

Hindukush Express has daily one (night) bus service from Islamabad/Rawalpindi to Chitral. It is an air-conditioned and comfortable bus leaves at 20:00 hours daily. Per passenger fare is PKR 1850. Pre-booking is required. For booking, please contact phone +92 335 570 0800.

Car service is available from Rawalpindi/Islamabad to Chitral (on special booking only). The cars carry four people. The charges cost around PKR 15,000 (100 USD). This car service can be availed at Karachi Company (G-9 Markaz, Islamabad).

### b. Peshawar To Chitral

Hindukush Express has its service also from Peshawar to Chitral. Pre booking is required. For booking call +92 302 6256000. The bus leaves at 7 pm daily for Chitral from Lahore Adda Peshawar. (Head Office Chitral Phone +92 0943 413151-3)

Passenger car services are available from Peshawar to Chitral. The cars carry four passengers and charge 2500 /passenger.

### c. Timargira to Chitral

The passenger cars and usual transport services are also available at Timargira town (Lower Dir lying on way to Chitral) at day time. There are bus/car services to Timargira from most of the cities of the country.

## 12. Currency exchange rate and ATM

The currency of Pakistan is Pakistani Rupees. The commercial rate is subject to market changes. Chitral town has ATM services provided by some banks, however there is no currency exchange service in Chitral town. International participants are advised to exchange currency at their arrival airports/cities.

## 13. Contact Information

For more information or any enquiry related to the conference, you can contact the Conference Secretariat at: [4thihcc@gmail.com](mailto:4thihcc@gmail.com) or phone +92 51 2250068 ext. 114