

**Asian Buddhism Connection**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ABC International Conference at Lumbini [NEPAL]**

[8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March 2024]

on

**‘Buddhism and Transformations’**

**Conference Patrons**

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**Organizer**

**AKSHESWAR MAHAVIHARA, LALITPUR, NEPAL**

**Co-host**

**Lumbini Development Trust**

Lumbini, Rupandehi District, Nepal

**Supported by**

**Buddhasavika Foundation, Thailand**

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**Venue of conference**

Lumbini, Rupandehi District, Nepal

**Conference theme:**

**‘Buddhism and Transformations’**

**Sub-themes:**

- Buddhism and history
- Philosophy and Society
- Rituals , Priests and Patrons
- Changing trends in Buddhism
- Applied approaches
- Buddhism and Transformation
- Institutional Development
- Buddhist codicology
- Bhikkhunis Samgha
- Buddhist Heritage
- Newar Buddhism

Also includes other areas of Buddhism that suit the main theme

### **Programme**

Main Conference: **8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Lumbini, Nepal**

### **Post Conference tour [Proposed]**

- Post conference tour: [**Optional**]  
Archaeological and Pilgrimage tour to **Lumbini, Kapilvastu** and **Devadaha** area on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Arrival back in Kathmandu: From 11<sup>th</sup> March
- International departures: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 onwards

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### **Call for Papers:**

- Submission of abstract of 350 to 500 words single space n MS word file format by Dec. 2023.
- Submission of full text: 10 -20 pages A-4 size single space with footnotes citations in MS word file format by January 2024 to Dr. Shanker Thapa, email: [drsthapa5721@gmail.com](mailto:drsthapa5721@gmail.com)

Tentative Travel notice for international participants:

1. Those who require Visa must apply at the diplomatic mission in the home country
2. On arrival visa is also available at the point of entry. For eligibility plz check web site of the immigration office.
3. International participants should travel from their home country to the Tribhuvan International airport in Kathmandu and transfer to domestic terminal to fly to Bhairahawa airport. Lumbini is 13 KMs from there. Conference organizer will have a desk there to receive guests at the airport and then to take them to Lumbini.
4. The organizer will provide accommodation from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March