

Developing Disaster Risk Management Plan to Conserve the Outstanding Universal Value of the Historic City of Ayutthaya, Thailand

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Abstract:

The presentation will comprise four parts starting from providing a brief information background of the Historic City of Ayutthaya and the 2011 flood in the central plain of Thailand that severe affected the value of this World Heritage Property in order to understand why disaster risk management plan is needed. Next I will also draw the audiences' attention to how disaster risk management for cultural heritage works and differs from disaster risk management plan in general since the understanding in ethnics and principles of cultural heritage conservation will be integrated into the plan. Then the process to develop disaster risk management for the Historic City of Ayutthaya after the flood in 2011 will be explained as a case study. Remarkably during the time the capacity building workshop for involving professional staff of managerial organization such as archaeologists, conservation architects and etc., was carried out as part of the process so as to raise their awareness in the necessity of disaster risk management for cultural heritage. Last but not least, in conclusion, the challenges from the outcome of developing disaster risk management plan for the Historic City of Ayutthaya will be discussed i.e. community-based approach.