

## **First Circular**

### **The 17th Himalayan Languages Symposium 2011 KOBE, JAPAN**

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, September, 2011  
Place: Kobe, Japan  
Organizers: Kobe City University of Foreign Studies in cooperation with  
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

#### **The Himalayan Languages Symposium**

The Himalayan Languages Symposium was first held at Leiden University in 1995 and is now well-established as an annual open forum for scholars of all aspects of Himalayan languages. The focus of the conference is geographical rather than language-based, reflecting the huge linguistic diversity of the Himalaya, and the depth of contact and syncretism between Himalayan languages and cultures.

Contributions are welcome on any language of the Greater Himalayan Region, whether Tibeto-Burman, Indo-Aryan, Austroasiatic, Altaic, Hmong-Mien, Tai or an isolate. Although language is the focus of the Symposium, specialists from related disciplines such as philology, history, anthropology, archaeology and prehistory are strongly encouraged to participate and cast light from their respective angles on the study of Himalayan languages and language communities.

The 17th Himalayan Languages Symposium will be held in Japan for the first time, and will run from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of September at Kobe, organized by Kobe City University of Foreign Studies in cooperation with Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. We look forward to welcoming participants to KOBE!!

***We invite abstracts for presentations on topics including, but not limited to:***

Descriptions of lesser-known languages

Language change and variation

Multilingualism and language contact

Historical-comparative studies

Typological studies

Field reports

Corpus-based analysis

Language death and language preservation

Language policy and language planning

Ethnology and folklore

Himalayan languages and new technologies

Contributions are also very welcome from anthropological, historical, or archaeological etc perspectives, so long as the papers deal centrally with a language or language community of the Greater Himalayan Region.

### **Workshops**

In addition to Plenary session, we plan to hold two kinds of workshops, the one relates to topics on grammar writing (**Workshop A**), and the other on historical development of the Tibetan language(s) (**Workshop B**). The details will be announced shortly.

### **Deadline of Submitting Abstracts: 15<sup>th</sup>, April, 2011**

(Abstracts should be sent in pdf file to [hls17kobe@gmail.com](mailto:hls17kobe@gmail.com))

**Notification of Acceptance and the Second Circular will be sent in the middle of May, 2011. The Second Circular will include information regarding accommodation, access, and so on.**

*Any questions are welcome! Please feel free to contact us by email.*

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