



UNESCO Mission visit at World Heritage Site, Makli

A meeting was held on 7th of May 2012 at World Heritage Site 4, the Necropolis of Makli, Thatta. Dr. Michael Jansen was sent as part of the UNESCO Mission to evaluate the activities taking place at the necropolis and to give advice about what further actions must be taken to ensure safeguarding of the site. The meeting began in the morning at the Heritage Foundation's Documentation Centre which has been recently established as a joint venture by Prince Claus Fund and Department of Culture, GOS. The meeting was held between UNESCO Mission team Dr. Michael Jansen and Mr. Kazi Ayaz Mahessar, Mr. Qasim Ali Qasim from the Director of the Department of Archaeology, CEO of Heritage Foundation Mrs. Yasmeen Lari, Structure Engineer Mr. Mushtaq Dawood, and Ar. Mariyam Nizam and Ar. Umer Bhatti from Heritage Foundation.

Dr. Michael Jansen visited the office and went over the documentation of various monuments being carried out by Heritage Foundation. Documentation work on the many monuments has been undertaken over the last two years by Heritage Foundation in collaboration with Prince Claus Fund and UNESCO, Islamabad.

It was decided that the Department of Culture Heritage Foundation will mark the property line with help of Heritage Foundation. It was also put forward that the monuments would be divided into clusters. Heritage Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Culture propose a master plan of Makli and give preliminary recommendations for development of a tourism plan for the site.





After the meeting at the centre, the delegation went around the site, first to the Tomb of Jam Nizam al Din as it has specific importance to the UNESCO mission. Methods for safeguarding and monitoring movements were discussed as per the recommendations of the recent document produced by Heritage Foundation in collaboration with UNESCO, Islamabad. The next monument to be discussed was the Tomb of Samma Noble 1 which has been selected for emergency assistance by Heritage Foundation. Documentation work in collaboration with Prince Claus Fund has begun and the process of conservation was discussed. Dr. Jansen also emphasized the importance of providing assistance to other tomb such as the Jamia Masjid, Tomb of Sister Fateh Khan, the Pavilion Tomb of Nuri and Jam Tamachi etc.

Surveyor Mr. Fareed Anwer with his team assigned by the Heritage Foundation were working on Samma Noble 2 to develop its survey drawings and were eager to share their methods with the UNESCO Mission.

