

Foreword

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It is an honour to announce the successful publication of the *International Journal of Intangible Heritage* Vol. 19, sharing the importance and value of the intangible heritage.

The *International Journal of Intangible Heritage* is the result of the 'Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage' adopted by UNESCO in 2003 and the conference 'Museums and Intangible Heritage' held in Seoul by ICOM in 2004. Museums started to pay attention to the 'intangible heritage' after these two international affairs. We, the National Folk Museum of Korea, are greatly privileged to publish an academic journal, making contribution to collect, preserve and research on intangible heritage and share it with museums all around the world.

Since 2010, the journal is indexed by A&HCI, IBBS, SCOPUS, MLAIB, BAS and KCI, and has secured academic status. Also, it attracted more attention from a lot of museums and researchers as the ICOM and ICOM-Korea are publishing the journal together from 2021.

This year, researchers from more than 30 countries have submitted their excellent articles, and 12 papers out of more than 100 manuscripts are selected by in-depth discussions of 9 editorial members and 45 peer reviewers.

The Vol. 19 contains interesting manuscripts to understand the meaning, value, preservation and succession strategy of intangible heritage. Geographically, the issue covers a wide range of regions including Europe, Asia, America, and the Africa, and introduce a variety of topics such as dance, fishing, agriculture, manufacturing and the Olympics. I would like to express gratitude to authors on their valuable research achievements and thank many researchers who submitted excellent papers, although they were not published in this volume.

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