

*In anticipation of a research report we would like to provide you with some initial information.*

### **Safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage of religious minorities in East Asia**

Threats to both tangible and intangible cultural heritage can be similar: globalization, natural disasters and conflict. Yet, the safeguarding of tangible cultural heritage has received more attention than intangible cultural heritage like traditional craftsmanship, music, social practices and rituals. In the case of natural disasters, recovery is important. With conflict posing or having posed a threat to intangible cultural heritage, like in Myanmar, the Philippines, China and Sri Lanka, the problem and solution might be in the position of the practitioners of said cultural heritage. What actions could be taken to safeguard intangible cultural heritage of religious minorities in case of restrictions to practice, people's displacement, forced migration or even practitioners' death?