

**International Symposium in Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Discovery of Nihewan Basin**

Yangyuan, Hebei Province

August, 2024

**FIRST CIRCULAR**

Dear colleagues,

In 1924, G. B. Barbour published a note in an article to introduce the Nihowan (now Nihewan) beds to address its scientific significance in quaternary sciences, and then the Nihewan basin became a key area to study Geology, Paleontology, Paleoenvironment, Paleoanthropology, and Paleolithic archaeology in East Asia. In commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of Nihewan's scientific significance, the International Symposium on Paleoanthropology and Paleolithic will be held in Yangyuan county, Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province during August, 2024.

The symposium will consist of keynote sessions, regular sessions and discussions; and a mid-excursion to the Nihewan National Archaeological Park and Museum in the Nihewan Basin will be organized. A field excursion (post symposium) to the Sitai early Neolithic site in Shangyi county, Hebei Province and to the Yungang Grottoes in Shanxi Province (inscribed on the World Heritage List) is also scheduled. The organizing committee warmly invites colleagues and friends around the world to join the symposium. Both oral and poster contributions are welcome. Scientific sessions on the following topics will be organized:

1. New discoveries of Early hominin fossils and Paleolithic sites
2. Paleoenvironmental impacts on Human evolution and dispersals
3. Migration and cultural interactions between the East and West in Pleistocene
4. Transition from Paleolithic to Neolithic

Persons interested in attending the symposium are kindly asked to give the feedback before Mar.1, 2024 to the secretariat via email ([fengli@pku.edu.cn](mailto:fengli@pku.edu.cn), [120835216@qq.com](mailto:120835216@qq.com)).

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## Arrangements of the Symposium

### 1. Schedule

August ..., 2024:	Registration, Nihewan Research Centre, Yangyuan
August ..., 2024:	Opening ceremony, keynote sessions, and regular sessions
August ..., 2024:	Regular sessions and Mid-Excursion
August ..., 2024:	Regular session and closing ceremony
August ..., 2024:	Post-symposium excursion

### 2. Accommodation

The symposium will be held at the Nihewan Research Centre at Donggutuo, Yangyuan county, Hebei Province. And accommodation cost of formal participants will be covered by the symposium.

### 3. Registration

There is no registration fee, and the symposium will cover meals during the conference period, conference kits, mid-excursion, and round-trip expenses from Beijing to Yangyuan.

### 4. Post-symposium excursion

We are planning to arrange one post-symposium excursion that is still under consideration. The tentatively excursion route will take about 1~2 days as follow:

Sitai early Neolithic Site (this is a site dating to around 11-9 ka with one of the earliest evidence of settlement in northern Hebei Province), and Yungang Grottoes, Datong city, Shanxi Province (UNESCO World Heritage).

The post-symposium excursion will be decided in the second circular according to the responses, so we welcome any comments and suggestions for our proposed arrangements.

### 5. Call for Abstracts

All participants are invited to submit an abstract in English (within 1 A4 page) no later than March 31, 2024. The abstract should include: title, authors' names (capitalized family names), affiliations and addresses, and the main-body of abstract.

The symposium will organize both oral and poster presentations. The official language of the symposium is English and all presentations must be delivered in English. Multimedia facilities will be provided for the oral presentations; and a special area will be reserved for posters.

### 6. Contact

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\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the symposium

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to give an oral presentation

(Provide the title of the presentation here, if possible)

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to give a poster presentation

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to go to post-symposium excursion

Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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