Bhutan-Swiss Archaeology Project

The project was initiated in 2005 by the government of Bhutan's collaboration request to realise archaeological projects in Bhutan for the first time in the country's history. This request addressed to Helvetas, was forwarded to the Swiss-Liechtenstein Foundation of Archaeological Research Abroad (SLSA) based at Museum Rietberg. Since 2008, SLSA is coordinating not only archaeological excavations and field works but also teaching modules. As a result, the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs is setting up a National Archaeology Office. This commitment in the field of archaeology prevents further loss of cultural heritage and reveals the country's rich early history and prehistory.

Special Guests

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