



On behalf of the City of Melbourne, I am delighted to welcome the 3rd International Forum UNESCO: University and Heritage, to this City.

There is no better place to discuss heritage than right here in Melbourne. Once our old buildings were torn down to make way for the modern style of architecture - but now there is a renewed emphasis on restoring and preserving our magnificent structures for future generations to enjoy.

Melbournians are proud of their heritage and the work of our forefathers, and we believe the continued preservation of our historic and new structures will be a major strength to future generations.

Melbourne is also a City of learning, featuring some of Australia's finest universities and colleges. It is therefore very appropriate that a Forum involving university representatives from throughout the world should be held here. It is a City tailor-made for student life with affordable housing, a world-class public transport system and, of course, an extensive calendar of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities that continue all year round.

I know you will enjoy your stay,

Councillor Ivan A Deveson AO
Lord Mayor of Melbourne