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Shiology Updates

Invitation to Join as a Founding Institution of the World Shiology Organization (WSO)

Dear Distinguished Experts and Institutional Leaders in the Global Food System Field,

We are preparing to establish the World Shiology Organization (WSO) and to apply for official registration with the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China. The Organization is dedicated to advancing global research in Shiology and promoting systematic, collaborative approaches to the governance of food-related challenges worldwide.

In this context, we sincerely invite your institution to participate as a Founding Institution of the World Shiology Organization, and to join us in building this international platform together.

Value of Participation

· Advancing a shift in research paradigms from single-discipline approaches to integrated, problem-oriented frameworks

· Participating in the development of global food governance and collaborative mechanisms

· Co-building international academic networks, standard-setting initiatives, and high-level dialogue platforms

· Sharing the resources of the World Shiology Forum, international research outputs, and emerging disciplinary frameworks

Organizational Foundations

· Supported by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and leaders of relevant international organizations

· The World Shiology Forum has been held five times, engaging participants from over 100 countries and serving multilateral high-level dialogue mechanisms.

· Scholars from 115 countries have jointly contributed to a global, systems-based research report covering food-related challenges in 195 countries.

· The disciplinary framework of Shiology and its core terminology have been standardized at the international level.

The Ministry of Education of China has expressed clear support for the establishment of Shiology-related interdisciplinary fields.

How to Participate

Institutions interested in joining WSO as Founding Institutions are kindly requested to complete the Application Form for Founding Institutions of the World Shiology Organization, available for download via the link below:
http://shiology.easteat.com/Application%20Form%20for%20Founding%20Institutions%20of%20the%20World%20Shiology%20Organization.docx
and submit it by 1st March to: Secretariat@shiology.world.

We look forward to working closely with your institution to deliver systemic solutions for global food-related challenges.

Sincerely,
World Shiology Organization (Preparatory Committee)

International Voices

Lok Bahadur Thapa, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Affirms the Contributions of the World Shiology Forum



Recently, Lok Bahadur Thapa, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), sent a letter to Mr. Liu Guangwei, Chairman of the World Shiology Forum (WSF),

highly commending the innovative value of Shiology and the Forum's sustained contributions to global food security and sustainable development. He emphasized that "with less than five years remaining to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, the work of organizations such as the World Shiology Forum has become particularly crucial."

President Thapa noted that transforming agriculture and food systems to enhance food security and rural resilience is a key priority of his tenure and is closely aligned with the theme of the 5th World Shiology Forum, "Food Systems and Sustainable Development." He further stated that "the work of the Forum and its participants has made valuable contributions to addressing global challenges such as food shortages, food waste, and unequal access to nutrition."

Founded in 2017, the World Shiology Forum is a high-level international dialogue platform aligned with the UN SDGs. The 5th Forum released the Global Food Systems and SDGs Report (2025), advancing global food governance by translating Shiology's holistic principles into practical action. President Thapa encouraged the Forum to continue leveraging its international platform to mobilize diverse stakeholders and promote food system transformation.

Zhu Juwang, Director of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN DESA, delivered a video speech at the Fifth World Shiology Forum

At the Fifth World Shiology Forum, Mr. Zhu Juwang, Director of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN DESA, delivered a keynote address expressing strong recognition of Shiology and its academic and practical significance.

Drawing on the holistic principles of Shiology, the remarks emphasized the importance of sustainable agriculture, improved nutrition, climate-friendly farming, and stronger food–health policy linkages, and expressed UN DESA's continued support for collaborative action to advance the SDGs and improve global well-being beyond 2030. The speaker underscored the value of platforms such as the World Shiology Forum in convening diverse stakeholders and fostering shared solutions. He also encouraged continued international dialogue and partnership to accelerate systemic transformation of global food systems.

Please click the link below to watch the full video.
http://shiology.easteat.com/Video%20Address%20by%20H.%20E.%20Zhu%20Juwang.mp4

Experts' Insights

Shiology and Shiance Theory: Foundations of an Eater-Centred Framework for Food Systems, Social Order, and Sustainable Development

Dr. Saheeda Mujaffar, Senior Lecturer at the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago), St. Augustine Campus, is a scholar in food science, food engineering, and agricultural processing with extensive academic and industry experience. In the following paper, she offers a systematic review and synthesis of Shiology and Shiance theory, aiming to clarify its core concepts, ensure accurate theoretical communication, and support its broader academic and practical application.

Abstract

Drawing on the work of Liu Guangwei and the practice of the World Shiology Forum, this paper presents Shiology as a human-centred, interdisciplinary framework for understanding food systems, social order, and sustainable development. It traces the evolution from Shi (food) to shiance as food-related human behaviour, and to Shiology as a systematic body of knowledge. Focusing on the eater, food acquisition systems, and shiance order, the paper highlights food systems as upstream determinants of health, wellbeing, and governance. It further situates Shiology within the Sustainable Development Goals, demonstrating food's cross-cutting role across multiple development challenges.

Please click the link below to read the full paper.
http://shiology.easteat.com/SHIOLOGY%20SUMMARY%20Working%20Document%20SM%2009012025.pdf

Shiology Concepts Explained

What is Shiology Triangle?

The framework of Shiology consists of the Eater (needs), Food (supply), and Shiance Order (regulation), collectively referred to as the "Shiology Triangle" (as shown below). The eater is the core, and both food and shiance order serve the eater. The value of shiology triangle is that it can bring together the fragmented and segmented shiance cognition of human beings into a whole.

