

India and East Asia : Culture and Society

The mutually beneficial impact flowing from the close and interactions between Asian cultures is a glorious chapter in the history of mankind. The millennial Asian Civilizations neither believe that history ends nor that future life is pre-disposed towards 'clashes of civilizations'. As more and more Asians lift their lives from levels of survival, they acquire the economic freedom to think, reflect and rediscover their cultural heritage. There is a growing consciousness that their societies, like those in the West, have a rich social, cultural and philosophical legacy that they can resuscitate and use to evolve their own modernizing societies. In an increasingly globalizing world, and the heightened pressures for greater uniformity, it is essential to nurture, revere and support the culture of Asian countries. This volume brings together discussions on these themes between Indian and East Asian scholars, who share cultural affinities and certain Asian values. It will benefit scholars of Asian studies, academics, policy makers and all those who wish to contribute to the revitalization of a shared heritage.