Going back in history

DG UNESCO visited Taxila Museum ancient city remains

The Director-General UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Ms Irina Bokova, on Friday visited archaeological Museum Taxila and ancient site of Sir Kap, also known as the second city of ancient Taxila civilization aimed strict security measures.

Ms Irina who is on state visit to Pakistan was received by Saleem Ul Haq, Director Punjab department of archaeology and Museum at TaxilaMuseum upon his arrival.

He briefed the visiting DG about the chronology, significance and history of Taxila valley civilization and Buddhism.

The director has informed the delegation that there are 4000 objects displayed, including stone, stucco, terracotta, silver, gold, iron and semiprecious stones. “Mainly the display consists of objects from the period of 600 B.C to 500 AD,” he said.

He informed that Gandhara is the second holy land of Buddhism and it is the place from where the Buddhism has flourished across the globe and this great civilization are fortunately on Pakistani soul.

The UNESCO DG took round of museum and visited the various galleries consisting upon sculptures, stucco relieves, stones, plaster and terra-cotta figures, glass tiles and objects as toilet articles, seats, beads, bark manuscripts, silver utensils, carpentry tools, surgical instruments and hundred of the coins and jewellery items of the ancient Gandhara civilization.

She took keen interest in the Buddhist antiquities and sculptures especially huge size images of the great Buddha.

Later, the visiting deputy PM visited ancient Buddhist University at Julian, the Buddhist site from where once Buddhism was flourished across the globe.

Dr Kozue Kay Nagata, Director United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Pakistan and other UNESCO and high officials were also present on this occasion.