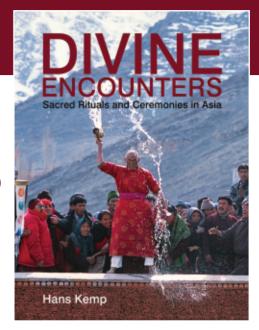
## INVITATION

The Municipality of Leiden and the organisers of the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS, 16-19 July) are pleased to invite you to the opening of the exhibition and book launch of *Divine Encounters. Sacred Rituals and Ceremonies in Asia* by the award-winning Dutch photographer Hans Kemp, on



26 June 2019, 17.00 hrs., in the front hall of Leiden City Hall.

Divine Encounters forms part of the 11th edition of the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 11), which is organised from 16-19 July in Leiden. ICAS 11 is set up by GIS (French Academic Network for Asian Studies), the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, and Leiden University. The exhibition is a photographic odyssey exploring an Asia that is hiding in plain sight, resilient and vibrant. For just behind the neon signs, the marble and stainless-steel facades, the luxury cars and glitzy shopping malls lies a different world, revealing itself through elaborate spirit rituals, blood-curdling ceremonies and exuberant festivals.

Hans Kemp travelled through Asia to explore the deep connection of people with the spirit world. Kemp photographed rituals and sacred ceremonies in amongst others India, Ladakh, Japan and Papua New Guinea.

We look forward to seeing you on June 26th!

With kind regards, Municipality of Leiden & Team ICAS 11

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Mo-Fri: 8.30-17.00 hrs / Thu: 17.00-20.00 hrs / Sat: 9.00-13.00 hrs