

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA INVENTORY ON THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Name of the Element: Khuti Dyek: Greeting and meeting manners of the Kalasha community

Brief Description: The common meeting courtesy of the Kalasha community amongst family members includes the shaking of hands, a hug, and then kissing the back of the other person's hand. For non family members a greeting of "ishpata" is followed by the touching of the other person's forehead with the right hand, followed by a handshake, which is repeated by the touching of foreheads. A person entering a communal gathering greets everyone by saying "ishpata" and placing the right palm on the forehead. Close female relatives shake each other's hands, followed by the kissing on the back of the hands, their cheeks, and braids (chui buti), and say "prus' thi' a'e" which means to come in peace.

Greeting children normally is done by kissing their hands. Upon greeting non-Kalasha people, females courtesy by bending and roll their hands thrice. In times of funerals, only a handshake takes place and community members do not practice their normal greetings to express sorrow.