



## Monthly Commentary

As an NGO striving to be professional, rational and constructive, we value the contributions of our expert volunteers very highly.

In our "Beijing Traditional Courtyard Renovation Training" project, volunteers who have a background in architecture have played a crucial role in our project research and implementation. In our "Friends of Old Beijing" project, we have been very fortunate to have the contribution of volunteers from diverse fields such as urban planning, architecture and law.

We truly appreciate the endeavors of these volunteers, and hope to see more volunteer professionals join us in our efforts to protect China's cultural heritage.

## Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center

## Articles

### Strike a Balance between Architectural Creativity and Cultural Heritage Protection

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In CHP's current Traditional Courtyard Renovation Training Project, architects play a very important part as expert advisors. How do these architects view historical building protection? How can they channel their creativity into the renovation of old buildings? Where do these architects see themselves standing in cultural heritage protection? CHP volunteer freelancer, Ms. Liao Shan, interviewed three architects, to present a cross-section of perspectives on this particular issue.

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### Yanshoujie Past Present and Future

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This article is written for the September edition of Urbane magazine (see pg 72). It's the first article in a series of articles CHP is doing for their 'Conservational' column.

Visitors to the historic scholarly neighborhood of Liulichang could easily miss the small alley running north from the eastern end of the tourist-crammed Liulichang Dongjie. This is Yanshou Jie, or "Prolonging Longevity Street".

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## Project Updates

### Friends of Old Beijing Project

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2008 Annual Evaluation Report on the Status of Protection of Beijing's Old City

"Friends of Old Beijing" project was initiated by Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center in September, 2006. It is one of the major projects of CHP. We have completed two phases of the project so far, and each phase was a year long. We compiled a report of the current situation of Old Beijing City preservation in June 2008. FOOB Phase II Report received much attention from the authority since it was delivered to Beijing City Hall, People's Congress and People's Political Consultative Conference. CHP has also developed connections with relating authorities and officials, which will facilitate the project in the future.

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### **"Friends of Old Beijing" Phase III launched**

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The first meeting of FOOB Phase III Working Plan was held in CHP office on September 9, 2008. Volunteers with backgrounds in urban planning, architecture and law, Guo Ran, Zhao Yun, Wang Binxin, etc, expressed their opinions on FOOB Phase III Working Plan.

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## **Announcements**

**October 11st**

[George Ernest Morrison, a Chinese Australian\(Date Change\)](#)

**October 18th**

[Get to Know the City Plain - Exploring the City Planning of Beijing](#)

## **CHP events summary**

### **CHP Successfully Holds the First Architect Salon**

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As an important part of Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center's Traditional Courtyard Renovation Project, the first "Architect Salon" was held at a newly opened resort in Beijing on September 8, 2008. More than ten architect volunteers were invited and attended the event. We visited the resort and participated in discussions with the engineer and the technical personnel.

Architect volunteers are from Crossboundaries Architects, Spacework Architects, and Institute of Vernacular Architecture at Tsinghua University.

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