



Monthly Commentary

In this edition of the newsletter we look at what is happening both in CHP and outside our organization in relation to cultural heritage protection in China. Our update "What's happening at CHP" shows the progress that has been made at CHP across several of our projects that focusing on the protection of Old Beijing. Curtis's article on Beiding Niangniang temple brings attention to the recent renovations and museum opening at the lesser-known heritage site. And in 'China Updating nationwide Cultural Relics Survey' we look at what the government is doing to update the list of recorded cultural sites to better ensure these valuable historic places are protected. These articles from a cross-section of perspectives show that awareness of cultural heritage issues in China has been moving forward in leaps and bounds, and we are pleased to report on the positive progress that has been made.

Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center

Articles

China Updating Nationwide Cultural Relics Survey

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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CHP News

October 11, Cultural Heritage Monthly Lecture Dr. Dou Kun's lecture "Morrison, China, Beijing" was held at Hanfenlou Bookstore on the "ex- Morrison Avenue" – Wangfujing Dajie.

October 22, Benecon, an Italian organization visited CHP and exchanged ideas on cultural relics' restoration and protection techniques.

October 18, Cultural Heritage Monthly Lecture The well-known journalist Wang Jun gave an lecture on "Getting to Know the City Plain – Exploring the City Planning of Beijing"

October 24, CHP visited the first advocator of China's ecomuseum – Mr.Su Donghai. Mr. Su is the Expert of the National Cultural Relics Administration, Researcher of National Museum, Honorary Trustee of China Museum Society and Member of International Museum Committee. Mr. Su complimented CHP on it's Dai Cultural Revitalization Project, "The 'Meng Ma Archive' is an important milestone of 'Cultural Commission.' It is impressive and admirable. It is worthy of public attention."

More on the visit will be in the next issue of Heritage Update.

Project Updates

Beijing Traditional Courtyard Renovation Training

On September 20 CHP began shooting a short documentary about traditional courtyard (siheyuan) renovation. An important component of the "[Beijing Traditional Courtyard Renovation Training](#)" project, this 50-minute-long documentary will show how modern architectural knowledge can be put to use in the service of traditional courtyard renovation. The personal ties between the residents and their courtyard homes will also be examined.

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Announcements

News Links

U.S. researchers are using advanced technology to locate [the tomb of Genghis Khan](#) -- an example of non-invasive cultural heritage analysis.

Now you can take a tour of The Forbidden City wherever, whenever, thanks to the new website built by IBM and [the Palace Museum](#).

Other Links

CHP Volunteer Curtis Ashton's 《[OBEISANCE TO OLYMPUS-Beijing Niangniang Temple in the Olympic Park](#)》 in 《URBANE》 (pg. 72)

Media mobilization

【November 8th】 [Fengshui](#)

【November 18th】 [Open Hearts Open Doors](#)

Reflections on China's Past & Future

【November 22nd】 [Xijiaominxiang Street Cultural History](#)