



Monthly Commentary

November has been a non-stop month at CHP, and in particular we have run training sessions to encourage public participation in cultural heritage protection. We held an Architects Salon, a Law Seminar and a few community based training sessions. Despite increasing public awareness of cultural heritage issues, the need to protect Chinese cultural heritage is just as imperative as before. There are illegal demolition plans currently taking place across China: for example, at Ke Yuan in Beijing and Xiaolouxiang in Wuxi. CHP is currently focusing its efforts on such threatened areas (see the 'Industry News' section of this newsletter for more information).

If you have been touched by visiting a heritage site and would like to do something to help protect it, or are concerned about China's ancient architecture and neighborhoods, please join us to discuss, research and take action. We believe the most effective action is to show China and the world what is really happening with cultural heritage protection at the ground level.

Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center

Articles

Qing Dynasty Treasure Endangered: Appeal to Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Preservation

At the heart of the Beijing Old City lies the Nanluoguxiang Historical Conservation District. This district remains comparatively well preserved, as it retains the urban structure from when it was first built in the Yuan Dynasty, over 700 years ago. Within Nanluoguxiang lies Mao'er Hutong, and in within this hutong, a gem of Qing Dynasty garden design can be found - the Ke Yuan. CHP has learned that Ke Yuan is in imminent threat of demolition.

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Eco-Museum: From Cultural Proxy to Cultural Autonomy

An interview with museum scientist Su Donghai

In the early winter this year, CHP got a phone call from an old gentleman. He said that he received a set of *Mengma Archive*, and was very touched after reading it. Later, we visited this gentleman in his eighties, and the first advocator and expert of eco-museum in China—Su Donghai.

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CHP News

After one year of internship, Carla Nayton and Chia-Li Chang are going to say goodbye to CHP. Their departure is hard for us. We also want to acknowledge them for their efforts in cultural heritage protection in China.

Carla Nayton: I feel incredibly proud to have worked for CHP

Chia-Li Chang: A need for passionate people

Announcements

[Cultural Heritage Interactive Map is online!](#)

[CHP Heritage Update Readers' Survey](#)

Heritage Update has received much attention and recognition since its first publication two years ago. The results of this survey will help us improve the Update. We aim to make the Update a platform for promoting cultural heritage preservation, and a channel for CHP and the public's communication.