



Monthly Commentary

The New Year is very promising for CHP. There has been great news, as large-scale as China and the US signed a MOU concerning the imposition of import restriction on archaeological material, CHP exchanged ideas with the director of SACH, and as small-scale as the success of bumper sticker project fundraising. For a young NGO protecting cultural heritage, these are opportunities as well as challenges. We will devote even more efforts; continuing to push forward the public participation in cultural heritage preservation. We wish you a happy NIU year!

Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center

Articles

Milestone MOU Signed Between U.S. and China on U.S. Import of Chinese Cultural Relics

January 14th 2009 marked a historical moment for everyone who cares about the cultural heritage protection of China. A MOU had been signed on this day by representatives from the Chinese and American governments, which requires the U.S. custom to confiscate any archaeological material from the Paleolithic period through the Tang Dynasty (618 -907 A.D.) or any monumental sculpture and wall art at least 250 years old, if the importer had not been able to show official permission from the Chinese government.

As a Chinese NGO involved in this process, we are extremely happy to see it eventually materialized. But we also understand that the implementation of this MOU is going to be more challenging.

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Project Updates

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Public Participation Is Key to Cultural Heritage Preservation Success

-- Director of SACH Inspects Courtyard 222 on its Successful Law Suit against Demolition Threat

On November 25, 2008, Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center (CHP) organized a law seminar to discuss how public interest litigations (PIL) can help preserving the rich cultural heritage in China.

After the seminar, a few journalists present at the discussion published articles on different media. One article caught SACH Director Shan Jixiang's attention, and he decided to pay a visit to Courtyard 222, which was used as a case study in the seminar. On January 9th, 2009, we were very lucky to communicate directly with the highest government official in China responsible for the policy of cultural heritage preservation.

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“I Love Hutong” Bumper Sticker Financial Report

CHP’s “I Love Hutong” bumper stickers resembling hutong signs have received generous support and help from our friends. Up to now, 10,000 bumper stickers have been printed. All the funding comes from donations.

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Announcements

Letters from our Readers

[We have chosen four encouraging letters from our readers to share with you.](#)

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.

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Upcoming Events

February Lecture

Lecturer: Wang Lanshun, Researcher at Beijing Archive.

Topic: Doncheng Zongbu Hutong

More details later...

Media mobilization

International Herald Tribune on CHP 【2009-01-13】

[《A flowering of activism poses problems and solutions for China》](#)