



## Monthly Commentary

This summer is hotter than we can imagine. However the passion of the cultural heritage protection has never weakened. Whether ordinary people or the international institutions, whether they protect a beacon tower which is about to collapse, or to defend an ancient city. The people who we know or not, all tries their best to put their ideas into practices. There is not divisions of small and great, since they all equally worth of respect. Special thanks to those 13 volunteers who joined in "Cultural Heritage Day" by involved in issuing the maps and heritage bumper sticker. Because of your sweat and effort, 1204 copies of maps and 60 pieces of "I love Hutong" vehicle pasters could go round Beijing in a day.

## Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center

## Articles

### Focus on Kashgar Old Town's Restruction

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#### Open Letter to the Government of the People's Republic of China

Recognizing the commitment of the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to the protection and preservation of its diverse and unique cultural heritage, the members of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Earthen Architectural Heritage (ISCEAH) are surprised and concerned by news related to the ongoing demolition and planned reconstruction of the historic center, often called the Old Town of Kashgar (喀什), Xinjiang Province, PRC.

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## CHP events summary

### June 13th Cultural Heritage Day: Cultural Protection Map Distribution

June 13,2009 was the fourth annual "Cultural Heritage Day." Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center (CHP) and thirteen volunteers distributed free "Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Maps" in seven districts of Old Beijing. The maps were a joint effort by CHP and Qizhi Tong Company to better people's understanding of cultural heritage protection. The map shows both the municipality of Beijing and the and the national historical monument sites, as well as information on Old Beijing's forty three historical protection sites.

Volunteers distributed a number of 1,204 maps. If you happen on any of our maps, please feel free to take one.

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### Report Meeting in Cultural Heritage Day

On June 13th, CHP welcomed the fourth Cultural Heritage Day of China. 15 Taiwanese entrepreneurs and friends in Beijing were invited to Mr. He Shuzhong's presentation titled "Saving the Remaining Hutongs." The participants also went on a walking tour in the hutongs with CHP's PiA fellow Michelle Chen. The event was intended to improve the cross-strait cultural exchange and to raise the awareness of civic society building and cultural

heritage protection. The event was well-received, and the participants expressed their interest in and respect of CHP's work.

## **Media mobilization**

**【Asia Calling】** 12th June,2009 [The Changing Faces of Beijing](#)

**【Global Times】** 5th May,2009 ['Fake-over' kills business](#)