



Monthly Commentary

There are many ways for people to get involved in cultural heritage protection. In this month's *Cultural Heritage Update*, you can read about some of the ideas on public participation in cultural heritage protection that emerged out of the most recent CHP forum – “*The Protection of Liang Sicheng and Lin Huiyin's Former Residence and Its Relation to the Construction of Civil Society*”, photos from our current Congjiang Archive project, and a short movie, “*The Soul's Paradise: Congjiang*”, produced by CHP volunteer from Taiwan. These are examples to show that anyone can contribute in protecting China's cultural heritage. CHP is constantly looking for ways to increase public participation in cultural heritage protection. We sincerely hope that you will take part in our events in the future!

Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center

Articles

Preserve the former residence of two of China's greatest architects

This summer, the city of Beijing has seen a new force on its ancient streets: committed citizens sweating for the sake of their cultural heritage. No. 24 Beizongbu Hutong, located in the middle of Old Beijing, was once the home of two of China's most famous architects, Liang Sicheng and Lin Huiyin. Due to the local government's indifference and passivity, their former residence is only a step away from demolition. The public is becoming aware of and is highly critical of the wanton destruction of former residences of important cultural figures.

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Project Updates

Commissioned by UNESCO under the Spanish Government Millennium Goals Fund, CHP Produces a Promotional Video – “*The Soul's Paradise: Congjiang*”

Every two years, UNESCO hosts a global representative conference at its headquarters in Paris. The 2009 conference will be held in October. To better participate in the event, UNESCO's Beijing branch decided to produce a short film, commissioned by the UNESCO under the Spanish Government Millennium Goals Fund, introducing Chinese culture and its development partners. Despite the fact that several large organizations have worked on this project, UNESCO assigned the production of the video to CHP, the smallest NGO partnered with the Spanish Government Millennium Goals Fund.

“*The Soul's Paradise: Congjiang*” is the result of these efforts.

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Announcements

- [CHP has received 1,658 hits on our Profile page on douban](#)

- [Get Your Copy of a Free Map Marking Heritage Sites in Beijing](#)
- [From 10 September, CHP will stop distributing our "I Love Hutong" bumper sticker for free.](#)

Media mobilization

In the past, the site of No.46 Fangjia Hutong served as a factory plant. It is now served as CHP's new home.



【CCTV.com】

18th Aug, 2009

[Old hutongs are revitalized through creative industry](#)

CHP continues to focus on preserving Liang Sicheng and Lin Huiyin's former residence.



【Southern Metropolis Weekly】

31th July, 2009

[梁思成故居生死劫](#)

Two news articles on Kashgar Old Town's Destruction. We think that where there's a will there's a way!



【IRISHTIMES】

8th June, 2009

[Reduced to rubble in the name of progress](#)



【THE INDEPENDENT】

6th June, 2009

[Showdown at the crossroads of the world](#)

Exercising a passion for cultural heritage protection is Beijing's new phenomenon this summer. From 13 June till now, we have already distributed over free 1800 copies of our *Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Map*.

【China Youth Daily】 [该记取的远不止那些老房子](#) 4th Aug, 2009