



## Monthly Commentary

If you happen to be in Beijing for a visit during this time of the year, don't forget to take a stroll down the city's renowned hutongs and witness the beauty of a Beijing autumn. The breathtaking scene of hutongs, although unique to Beijing, is likely to remind you of the charm of your own neighborhood. People who have a strong bond to their city undoubtedly have a sincere passion to protect their home. CHP exists in Beijing in order to remind its local residents to take good care of their beloved city.

In this month's Cultural Heritage Update, we present you an update on the implementation of the Provisional Regulations Governing the Management of the Designation of Cultural Relics, a report on CHP's A'er Village Qiang Minority Cultural Revitalization Project, along with the Congjiang Archive 2009 Annual Report.

Lastly, we must admit that this year's brutal winter has arrived at CHP a little early.

As a non-profit and non-governmental organization, CHP receives no financial assistance from the Chinese government. Currently, we are facing financial difficulties and are struggling to meet the staff's November salary, and put money aside to cover our office's rent next year.

But we are not going to let our struggles to fund our minimal operating costs stand in the way between CHP and our mission. Our past successes and recognition verify our ability to tackle the challenging cultural heritage protection issues despite our financial circumstances. We wholeheartedly know that our supporters like you believe in our cause and our organization.

If you would like to extend your help to us, it costs USD50 a day to sustain our office and our cause and all donations, no matter the size, are extremely appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please visit our website for more information.

If you are happy to devote some energy to help our organization, whether to lend us an event venue or to volunteer at CHP, kindly let us know.

Alternatively, if you have fundraising experience and would like to help us with our fundraising initiatives, please contact us at [info@bjchp.org](mailto:info@bjchp.org).

All the efforts from our supporters are allowing CHP to leave its mark in the Chinese cultural heritage protection history and continue our journey into the future.

**Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center**

## Articles

**“Provisional Regulations Governing the Management of the Designation of Cultural Relics” Proves Effective in allowing the Public to Exercise Cultural Heritage Protection Rights**

Currently the “Provisional Regulations Governing the Management of the Designation of Cultural Relics” has been effective for over one month. After a brief review of last month’s implementation, CHP believes that cultural heritage protection awareness continues to grow in contemporary Chinese society, and that NGOs have the capacity to drastically increase awareness among a diverse range of people. CHP’s goal in assisting community residents to protect their own cultural heritage has been in the process of happening through the help of Chinese media powerhouses.

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## **Project Updates**

### **Congjiang Archive**

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#### **China Culture and Partnership Project Product 2.1: Congjiang Archive 2009 Annual Report**

The Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center (CHP) signed an agreement with the UNESCO in April 2009 known as the “Congjiang Archive Project Stage One Cooperation Agreement”. This program is part of a larger project, “Chinese Culture and Development,” a collaboration between the United Nations and the Spanish Government Millennium Goals Fund. The first stage of the contract lasts until October 15, 2009. The following is a summary of the ten main aspects of the project at its initial phase:

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### **A’er Village**

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#### **A’er Village Qiang Minority Cultural Revitalization Project’s Initial Surveying Report**

As the sun set on September 30, 2009, CHP volunteers Wang Yunxia, Luo Jihua, and Gao Wei reached A’ercun, an ancient village at the center of Qiang country.

Thanks to its remote location and lack of contact with the outside world, A’ercun has remained relatively untouched by modernity. The village on the edge of the clouds, as A’ercun is called, is a living relic of Qiang Minority culture. Unfortunately, the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake wreaked untold damage on the village, resulting in a massive loss of life and property, and gravely threatening the centuries-old unique Qiang culture. The group made this trip to get in touch with local Qiang volunteers and lay the foundation for the beginning of the project in mid-November.

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## **CHP events summary**

### **CHP Receives Positive Feedback from the No. 46 Fangjia Hutong Creativity Fair**

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Saturday, October 31 | CHP participated in the No. 46 Creativity Fair sponsored by a prominent Chinese website, [www.sina.com](http://www.sina.com), at our very own office compound. We distributed our products, including CHP’s t-shirt, bumper sticker, postcard, greeting card, and the Mengma Archive. A good number of CHP’s friends stopped by to show

support while we also gained new supporters. Overall, it was a great Saturday afternoon spent for a worthy cause as we met some success with our product sales. Thank you again for your support.

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## **CHP Support**

### **Donate to CHP**

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### **Volunteer at CHP**

Tell us what you think about our new English website! All suggestions are welcomed at [info@bjchp.org](mailto:info@bjchp.org)

## **Media mobilization**

### **Watch CHP Video:**

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Beizongbu Hutong:

[The Former Residence of Liang Sicheng and Lin Huiyin](#) 【 Number 24 】

Presented at UNESCO global representative conference at its headquarters in Paris,

[The Soul's Paradise: Congjiang](#) 【 October 2009 】