



Monthly Commentary

In November, CHP received donations from several supporters. Each one of them has a special story behind it. Their generosity has warmed up a cold winter at CHP:

- The U.S.-based firm Vinson & Elkins LLP who has been donating to CHP annually since 2006 made their 2009 contribution.
- Mr. Lanshun Wang, Mr. Xuejun Chen, and Ms. Ting Zhang are Beijing residents who, after hearing about our challenging financial circumstance, jumped into to support CHP.
- One member of CHP Board of Directors and all-time generous private donor of CHP, Mr. James Stent, has been very generous by offering to donate the same amount of money that any Chinese donors give to our organization.

CHP sincerely thank these supporters. We also hope that more people will support our organization in the future.

Finally, starting from this issue, we have added a CHP Support section. It will report on CHP's monthly fundraising successes and financial needs that CHP seeks. We hope this addition will improve CHP's communication to our readers.

Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center

Articles

Kashgar

Kashgar Old Town Local Government Publicly Claims That UNESCO Supports the Kashgar Old Town Reconstruction Plan



The Kashgar Old Town Reconstruction Plan, because it will completely destroy the Old Town, has attracted widespread harsh criticism. According to information received by CHP, it is clear that UNESCO opposes this sort of reconstruction project, and an expert committee within UNESCO has strongly attacked it. UNESCO is the world's most respected cultural heritage protection organization. Firm criticism by UNESCO gives hope of salvation of the Kashgar Old Town.

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Uncertain Future: The Fate of the Residence of Liang Sicheng and Lin Huiyin

This summer, citizens of Beijing and local media joined forces to start a cultural movement. The goal was to prevent the demolition of the former residence of two of China's most famous architects, Liang Sicheng and Lin Huiyin. At the time, the government made clear that the residence would not be destroyed and they would give their approval to a restoration plan after seeking experts opinions, local residents' participation, and the input from the land's developer.

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Project Updates

A'er Villagers



Cultural Heritage Protection Badge Designed for A'er Villagers

A'er villagers are the representatives of the rich and unique Qiang culture, one which stemmed from the minority's long standing history. The handful of stunning ancient architecture in the A'er village that survived the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake are examples of the cultural heritage that the villagers managed to pass on generations after generations. Inspired by A'er village Qiang minority culture, CHP understands the villagers' desire to preserve their own culture, especially because a significant portion of the village elders passed away in the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake. As a result, CHP launched the A'er Village Qiang Minority Cultural Revitalization Project this year. [Read more...](#)

Announcements

Watch CHP Video:

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 】

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November, 2009 Donors:

Mr. Xuejun Chen & Miss Ting Zhang RMB 2000; Mr. Lanshun Wang RMB500; Mr. James Stent: matched giving;
Vinson & Elkins LLP: USD3,000

Media Mobilization

【Heritage Key】 He Shuzhong on the Challenges of Protecting China's Heritage

He Shuzhong knows how bad the situation is: everyday something of cultural value is destroyed in China, he says. All he need do is pick up his cell phone, which also happens to act as a cultural protection hotline.

“Do you know how many people have my cell phone number? I estimate it's in the tens of thousands,” he said. “So everyday there's someone who calls and tells us their situation.

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