



Monthly Commentary

Even though Beijing continues to swelter through a long summer, this has not stopped CHP and our supporters from being even more active in helping to preserve China's cultural heritage!

On 17 July, CHP asked the question: Do You Hutong? The answer from Beijingers was an affirmative 'yes' as more than 200 people travelled to the Three Shadows Photography Art Centre to support [Do You Hutong?](#) – CHP's major fundraising event of the year. CHP thanks our supporters, sponsors, partners and volunteers for their support and contribution to the success of this first-time event.

As part of *Do You Hutong?* we have also launched an exciting [Heritage Membership Program](#). As a member you will receive great benefits from CHP and several local businesses as well as being a part of a passionate group of cultural heritage supporters. We already have over 100 members and we are looking forward to this number growing even more into the future!

In Sichuan, the A'er Village Qiang Minority Cultural Revitalization Project is moving ahead with the completion of the temple base leveling and continuation of cultural recording. Carla Nayton, an Australian cultural anthropologist completing a masters in social work and social policy, recently went on a [trip to A'er Village](#) for two weeks field research. She is investigating how the project is helping to protect Qiang minority culture.

In the article [Merging Old Beijing – Merging 4 to 2 is not as good as merging 4 to 1](#), the merging of Old Beijing's four administrative districts to two is discussed. It highlights that to properly protect Old Beijing – as is the aim of the merge – that there should be only one district, instead of keeping Old Beijing split in half.

Lastly, while our supporters can currently already donate online through [Give2Asia](#), now you can also [donate online with Zhifubao](#) to our [Cultural Action Network](#) or [Media Training Program](#)! Chinese credit cards and bank accounts only accepted.

Thank you for your support of CHP!

Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center

Articles

Merging Old Beijing – Merging 4 to 2 is not as good as merging 4 to 1

Recently the State Council approved plans to merge Old Beijing's administrative districts from four to two. Dongcheng will merge with Chongwen to become the new Dongcheng, and Xicheng will combine with Xuanwu. This change will have a direct impact in the protection of Beijing Old City, but with two districts still splitting Old Beijing in half it will not be easy for the local governments to achieve cultural heritage preservation goal.

As the core of China's capital city, Old Beijing attracts worldwide attention. Old Beijing takes up sixty-two square kilometers in size, a small fraction of Beijing's 17,000 square kilometers. The population of the area within the Second Ring has shrunk from its peak of 1.8 million in the 1980s to its current less than 1.4 million. The government plans to further reduce the number of residents to 1 million by 2020, while the total population of Beijing is expected to hit 21 million at the end of this decade. [Read more](#)

Project Updates

A'er village

A'er village visit by Carla Nayton



I am a cultural anthropologist currently doing my masters in social work and social policy at the University of Western Australia. My relationship with CHP goes back to 2008 when I did 9 months volunteer work with the organisation under the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development Program. I am currently doing 4 months fieldwork with CHP, researching their current minority cultural heritage projects.

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CHP General Update



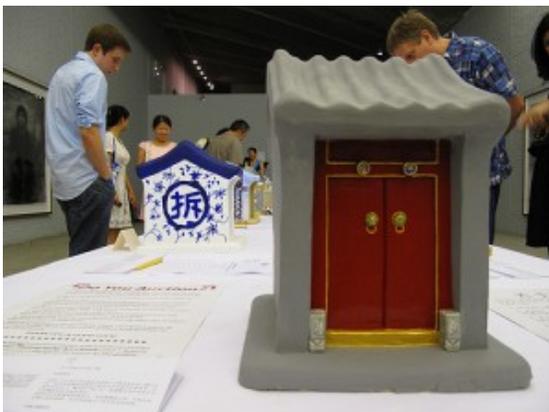
CHP recently launched its Heritage Membership Program at *Do You Hutong?* where it was enthusiastically received by attendees. *You can also become a member today!* For just ¥350 you can join a passionate community of supporters who are helping a vital cause: preserving China's cultural heritage. There are three levels of membership – silver (¥350), gold (¥1000) and jade (¥10,000). As a member, you receive great benefits from CHP and also several local participating businesses, plus the knowledge that your donation is crucial to helping our work supporting local

communities to protect their heritage!

Read more about [the Heritage Membership Program](#) and [participating businesses](#).

CHP events summary

Do You Hutong? – an evening of art, music and cultural heritage



“Do You Hutong?” The answer from Beijingers was an affirmative “yes!” as more than 200 people travelled to [Three Shadows Photography Art Centre](#), Caochangdi, on Saturday 17 July to support CHP's major fundraising event of the year. There was a distinct buzz as people arrived to experience this uniquely creative event, and many of the attendees stayed for several hours to enjoy the diverse components of the evening.

[Read more](#)

Thank you to our *Do You Hutong?* volunteers!

CHP would like to say a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make *Do You Hutong?* a reality!

Sam Christie, Michelle Choi, Suvi Rautio, Gao Meng, Jin Ling, Eric Liu, Alan Li, Meiyang Ge, Danny Li, Eileen Wong, Emily Chen, Benjamin Moore, Guoran, Liufeng, Tian Yunxiang, Xue Zijun, Ye Shikeng, David Thomson, Tyler Cotton, Michele Scrimenti, Jonah Kessel, Zara Arshad

CHP Support

Do you have a *Do You Hutong?* t-shirt?



Buy a limited-edition *Do You Hutong?* t-shirt today to support cultural heritage preservation in China and to show everyone that you hutong!

NLGX Design created these t-shirts especially for CHP. They are available for purchase from the CHP Office at only ¥88.

CHP Office address: Room 309, Building E, No.46, Fangjia Hutong, Andingmennei Dajie,

Dongcheng District, Beijing



Donate to CHP through Zhifubao (支付宝)!

You can now use your Chinese bank account or Chinese credit card to support our [Cultural Action Network](#) or [Media Training Program](#).

Please submit your email address or phone number when donating through Zhifubao so we can contact you to say thanks!

For more information, or to donate, please visit our [How to Donate](#) page

CHP Support in July:

Liu Aihe | RMB1000

David Lei | RMB1000

NLGX proceeds from 'Bu Chai' merchandise sale | RMB570

Media mobilization



[China Daily] Art auction raises funds to save the capital's traditional homes | July 19, 2010

Non-profit group says there is value to be cherished in the city's hutongs. An art auction and exhibition showcasing Beijing's dwindling hutong residences was held in the capital over the weekend.

The display of multimedia and sculptures was aimed at raising money for the Cultural Heritage Protection Center (CHP), a nongovernmental organization dedicated to protecting Beijing's identity through preserving its cultural heritage. [Read more](#)

[The Global Times] [Hutong demolition awareness in Hebei](http://en.bjchp.org/?p=2784)<http://en.bjchp.org/?p=2784> / July 29, 2010

[BBC World News] [Heroes of Heritage](#) | July 23, 2010

[The New York Times] [Bulldozers meet historic quarters in Beijing, to mixed reactions](#) | July 19, 2010

[The National] [Old China is not as old as it seems](http://en.bjchp.org/?p=2671)<http://en.bjchp.org/?p=2671> | July 19, 2010