

# **World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITRAP)**

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### **1. Background and mandate of the Centre**

The World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITRAP) was established in 2007 and is located in China. It provides services to States Parties to the 1972 World Heritage Convention in the Asia-Pacific region. WHITRAP's mandate is to strengthen the implementation of the World Heritage Convention through capacity building, training, research, communication and dissemination of information, and the establishment of a regional network.

### **2. Institutional and operational structure of the Centre (Governing Board, Staffing, Operational funding and premises)**

The Governing Board consists of the representatives from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC), the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Chinese State Administration of Culture Heritage (SACH), the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Department in China, the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, Peking University in Beijing, Tongji University in Shanghai and the Municipality of Suzhou.

The secretariat is based in Shanghai, China. WHITRAP operates through three branches or centres – in Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou –, with the coordination of the secretariat in Shanghai. Annual basic funding is provided by the individual centres and the secretariat is funded by Shanghai Centre. There are 22 contractual employees and 11 interns at WHITRAP.

The Shanghai Centre at Tongji University focuses on the conservation of cultural heritage, including the sustainable development of ancient towns and villages, architectural sites/complexes, and cultural landscapes.

The Beijing Centre at Peking University is responsible for the protection of natural heritage, archaeological sites, and the management of cultural landscapes.

The Suzhou Centre, run by the Suzhou Municipal Government, provides training and research on traditional architectural restoration.

### 3. Programmes and activities implemented since June 2013 and planned for the current year

N.	Activity	Reference to WHCBS <sup>1</sup>
	International Colloquium on <i>Carrying Capacity and Visitor Management at World Heritage Sites in China</i> , 17-19 May 2013	1,3,5
	Conference on <i>City Development, Preservation and Hospitality</i> , Shanghai and Jiangsu Province, China, 13-15 June 2013	3,4,7
	Sino-French Seminar on <i>Rural Cultural Heritage: Protection, Transmission and Development of Community</i> , Guizhou Province, China, 21-24 July 2013	3,8
	Workshop on <i>Management System of World Heritage Sites in South Asia</i> , Islamabad, Pakistan, 26-31 August 2013	1,2,3,4,7,8
	International Symposium on <i>Monitoring and Management of World Heritage</i> , Suzhou, China, 19-20 September 2013	1,3,5,6
	Sino-German Conference on <i>Sustainable Building Restoration and Revitalisation</i> , Shanghai, China, 25-28 September 2013	5,10
	Conference & Training on <i>Filling the Gaps: World Heritage and the Twentieth Century</i> , Chandigarh, India, 3-7 October 2013	3,4,5
	Advanced Course on <i>Conservation and Restoration Techniques for the Asia-Pacific Region</i> , China 8-17 November 2013	5,10
	Conference on <i>Revisiting Conservation Philosophy of Wooden Structures: Restoration Methodology and Philosophy of Conservation of Wooden Structures</i> , Nara, Japan, 17-19 December 2013	5,10
	Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) Programme Training on <i>Historic Urban Landscapes</i> , Shanghai, China, 8-12 November 2013;	3,7,8,9
	Conference and publication of Proceedings on <i>Revisiting Kathmandu: Safeguarding Living Urban Heritage</i> , Kathmandu, Nepal, 25-29 November 2013	
	World Heritage Education Programme International Youth Camp on World Heritage, Jiangsu Province & Beijing, China, July 2013	3,5,8,9
	5th World Heritage Youth Education Joint Conference, Jiangsu Province, 29 October 2013	
	Activity of British and Chinese Students' Model World Heritage Committee Conference, Jiangsu Province, 1 November 2013	
	2nd World Heritage Education Forum, Jiangsu Province, 29 October 2013	
	Heritage Promotion by Public Lectures	
	Development on the Regional Capacity Building Strategy and Associated Programmes for Asia and the Pacific Completed report, submitted as an extra-link to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee	1,4,9,10

<sup>1</sup> Please indicate the relevant number of the action within the WHCBS (World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy, see: <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2011/whc11-35com-9Be.pdf> )

	Network building on capacity-building providers of the region Identify gaps of current capacity-building activities and encourage regional cooperation	
	2013-2015 Programme on <i>Capacity Building Pilot of Water Ecology in Yangtze River Delta, China</i> , Jiangsu Province, China	3, 4
	Research on a <i>Community-based Cultural and Natural Heritage Protection and Development Project</i> in Guizhou Province, China	3, 4, 7
	2014-2017 Cooperative Action Plan with Nordic World Heritage Foundation, signed in Shanghai China, on 23 May 2013	4,7,10
	Publication/ Newsletter	3,4,8
	Newsletters 23 to 26	
	Research Report on <i>the 30 Years' Conservation of Old Suzhou City</i>	
	Proceeding of <i>Transmission of World Heritage, Building-Up of Beautiful China</i>	
<b>Work Plan in 2014</b>		
	Category 2 Centres related to World Heritage Coordination Meeting, Shanghai, China, 23-25 May 2014	4,10
	Cultural Communication of Sino-French Architects, Shanghai, Guizhou Province, Shanxi Province 14-16 July 2014	4, 7, 8
	Training on <i>Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)</i> , Hanoi & Ha Long Bay, Vietnam, 13-24 October 2014	1, 3, 4, 5
	Conference on <i>Sustainable Development of Honghe Hani Rice Terrace: Farming Cultural Landscape, People, and Management</i> , Yunnan Province, China, 27-31 October 2014	3, 4, 7, 8, 10
	Conference & Training Workshop on Historic Urban Landscapes, Shanghai, China, November 2014	3,7,8,9
	Training Workshop on Historic Urban Landscapes, Jakarta, Indonesia, November 2014	3,7,8,9
	Advanced Course on <i>Conservation and Restoration Techniques for the Asia-Pacific Region</i> , 2014	5,10
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	World Heritage Education Programme	3,5,8,9
	International Youth Camp on World Heritage, July 2014	
	6th World Heritage Youth Education Joint Conference, 2014	
	Heritage Promotion by Public Lectures	
	Programme on Regional Capacity Building Strategy	1,4,9,10
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**4. Website of the Centre (if available):**

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