

## CHINA (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF)

# Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu



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### II.1 Introduction

**Year of Inscription** 1994

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### II.2 Statement of Significance

**Inscription Criteria** C i, iv, vi

#### Statement of Significance

- Proposed as follows:  
"The Temple of Confucius, the Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion are the heritage of the mankind developed by having close connection with commemorating Confucius and praising Confucianism highly. They are famous for the Long history, large scale, rich cultural relics and scientific and artistic value. The Temple of Confucius in Qufu is to offer sacrifices to Confucius, and is the precedent and model of more than 2000 temples of Confucius which are distributed over China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, America and other countries.  
The Confucius Temple is the place where Confucius is commemorated. There are more than 2,000 Confucius temples in Asia. The Confucius Temple in Qufu is not only the principle one, but also the oldest, largest and most representative in architectural format. Located in the centre of Qufu City, the temple has gradually developed on basis of Confucius' residence. The complex in the Confucius Temple is a masterpiece and model of the architectural aesthetics of "harmony" and a grand cultural and artistic palace in the East.

The Confucius Family Mansion is the official manor of Confucius's eldest grandsons who inherited the title *Yanshenggong* bestowed by the Emperor. Located to the east of Confucius Temple, the mansion also collected the documents and files of the Ming and Qing dynasties, which recorded various social activities happened in the mansion in more than 400 years.

The Cemetery contains Confucius's tomb and the remains of more than 100,000 of his descendants".

#### Status of Site Boundaries

- The demarcation line and buffer zone are considered as sufficient.
- There is no need for revising the site boundaries.
- The report proposes to reconsider nomination, by including the Confucius Temple and Temple of Yan Hui in Qufu as an extension, which justifies the use of criteria iv for the nomination.

### II.3 Statement of Authenticity/Integrity

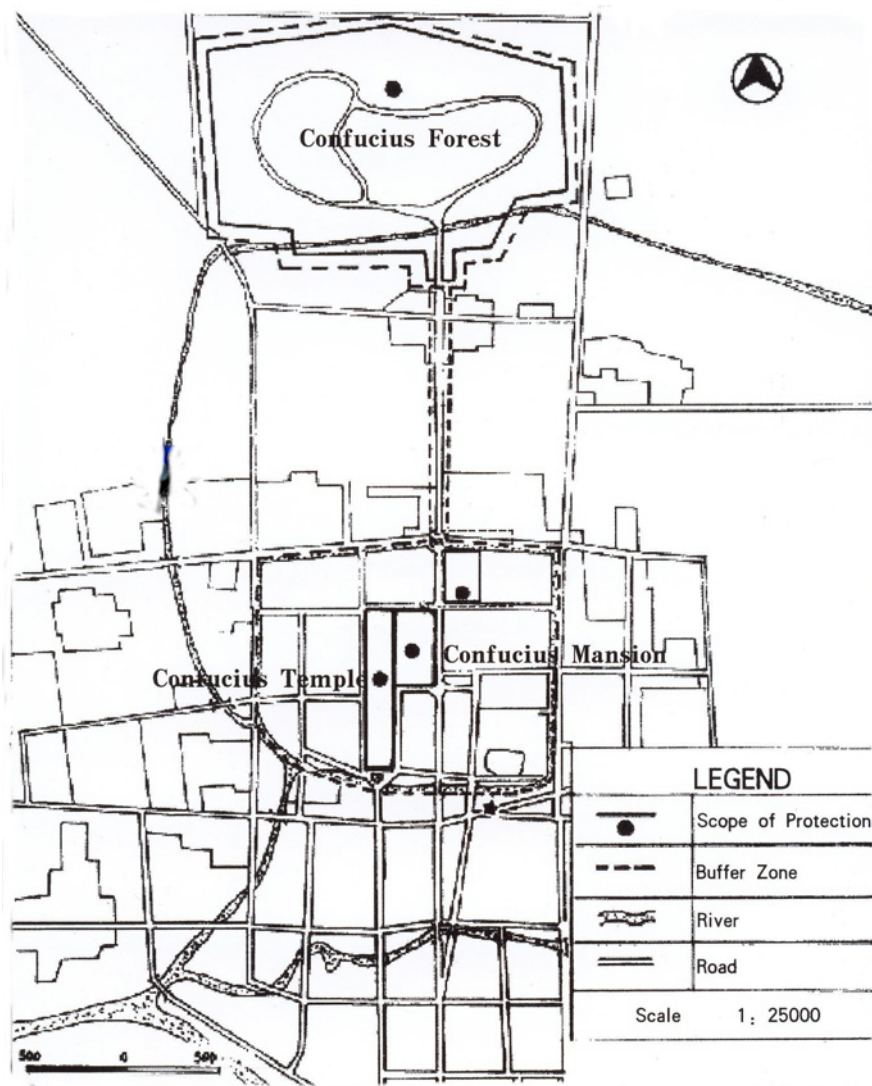
#### Status of Authenticity/Integrity

- No change to authenticity and integrity
- No foreseeable change to the authenticity/integrity in the near future.

### II.4 Management

#### Administrative and Management Arrangements

- The report cites 3 major legal instruments.
- For effective protection the legal, contractual and traditional management are not sufficient. There is a need to enhance social awareness and improve environment for the protection and management according to the law.
- The Management Plan for the Maintenance, Protection and Management and the 2003 Cultural Relics Safety Protection Plan are under discussions.
- Future actions: Co-ordination, improve rules and regulations, speeding up the process for regulations on protection and management, personnel training.



*Core and Buffer Zones of Confucius Temple, Forest and Mansion*

### Present State of Conservation

- No description of the actual status.
- Since inscription: major measures have effectively helped improve the surrounding environment around the property.

### Staffing and Training Needs

- Staff total number in museum: 813, including 31 senior researchers.
- Staff number adequate to monitor the site.
- Training needs: Professional skills, historical knowledge, foreign languages and management.

### Financial Situation

- Based on admission tickets and fund raising. Total funding 2001: 4.8 million yuan (US\$579,888) spent: In the future, funding will increase by 10% each year.
- Available funding sufficient.
- \* No International Assistance from WHF, nor from UNESCO, UNDP, WB. Small amounts from NGOs.

### Access to IT

- 9 million Yuan worth of advanced computer information management system, including a website.
- 30 sets of computers with Internet and email access.
- No use of GIS.

### Visitor Management

- Visitor statistics from 1995 to 2001, with 2,580,000 visitors in 2001. No income figures provided.
- Existing facilities: numerous facilities exist.
- Facilities needs: no need of new facilities.
- Plan mentioned, but description of measures of awareness, number of tourists and management improvement.
- WH values communicated daily through on-site protection. Photo albums, publicity brochures and VCD, "Collection of the Laws and Regulations on the Protection of cultural Relics", distributed widely.
- Education: no education programmes.
- Role of the inscription to the WH List: property listed in "Top 40 Chinese Tourist Spots" and "Top 100 Chinese Patriotism Education Demonstration Bases". Increase of tourism and better research and awareness.

## II.5 Factors Affecting the Property

### Threats and Risks

- No information available.

### Counteractive Plans

- Contingency plan or risk prevention plan: no plans described, but measures: before winter thorough cleaning of dry weeds to prevent fires, before monsoon, anti-flooding plan and rescue materials, a joint team patrols the property every night.
- Areas which need improvement: Intensify protection of ancient trees and steles, technical training of professional personnel and exchanges and co-operation between property management agencies.
- Factors affecting property: impact of development and increasing use, water, atmospheric factors and unfavourable climate also affect the property.

- Action taken or will be taken in the future: strengthening administrative and legal enforcement, treatment of atmosphere and water pollution, restoration of city walls, formulating regulations on protection.

### II.6 Monitoring

#### Monitoring Arrangements

- A monitoring system is in place, no details provided in the report.
- No partners mentioned.
- Improvements: The scientific and IT level will be gradually raised; and the exchanges between properties will be more frequent.

#### Monitoring Indicators

- Indicators: no description, just a list of action: repair and maintenance, safety and countermeasures, treatment of environment, tourism management, funds for protection and quality of managerial staff.

### II.7 Conclusions and Recommended Actions

#### Conclusions and Proposed Actions

- Values: the original value of the property as World Heritage has continued to be preserved. It will continue to play a positive role in future social developments.
- Management and factors affecting property: the management system is satisfactory. The tourist activities and development are having an increasing impact over the property. The unfavourable climate is an obvious factor that affects the property.
- Future actions: management system to be improved. Funding sources of management and protection need to be available on time, better managerial personnel, better relationship between protection and use, laws and rules strictly followed, efforts to rectify the environment of the property.
- Timetable for the implementation of actions: before end October 2002.

#### \* State of Conservation Reports

1998 Ext Bureau, WHC-98/CONF.202//4 - According to a report submitted by the authorities in July 1998, efforts have been made to conserve authenticity of the site. To improve the setting of the site, the Divine Road was restored by using historical building material and the protection of ancient trees was strengthened. A computerized management system was put into place to monitor all cultural properties, ancient trees and ancient monuments. Lighting facilities in ancient buildings have been replaced and electricity wiring placed underground. Safety and fire prevention measures have also been strengthened.

“The Bureau takes note of the state of conservation report submitted by the Chinese authorities and encourages the responsible authorities to undertake further actions to enhance the management of the site, especially taking into consideration development issues such as land use, sustainable tourism, and vegetation management.”