

✓ REGULATIONS GOVERNING PRESERVATION OF SCENIC RESORTS,
ANCIENT REMAINS AND RELICS.

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Article 1. Unless otherwise provided by law, the preservation of all scenic resorts, ancient remains and relics within the territory of the Republic of China shall be governed by the present regulations.

Article 2. Scenic resorts, ancient remains and relics as denoted in the present regulations shall be classified into the following categories:

A. Scenic resorts and ancient remains

- 1) LAKES AND MOUNTAINS refer to famous mountains and lakes, as well as forests and ponds of local scenic interest.
- 2) STRUCTURES include ancient cities, passes and stockades, dykes, bridges, altars and shrines, parks and gardens, monasteries and temples, towers and galleries, pavilions and pagodas and all ancient establishments.
- 3) REMAINS denote ancient imperial tombs, military breast-works, caves, jetties, wells and springs and all ancient scenic remains.

B. Relics

- 1) STONE TABLETS - such as stone tablets, steles, and arches, statuaries carved on cliffs and all ancient inscriptions on stones and slabs.

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- 2) BRONZES AND STONE CARVINGS - such as ritual vessels and tripods, coins and currencies, precious gems, State seals and all ancient bronzes and stone carvings.
- 3) CERAMICS - such as ceramic and porcelain wares and brick, tile and clay moulds.
- 4) PLANTS - such as pines and cypresses of the Ch'in (255-209 B.C.) and Han (206 B.C.-189 A.D.) dynasties, respectively, and all other ancient plants.
- 5) WORKS OF ART - such as rare books, calligraphies, drawings, paintings and all other ancient works of art.
- 6) WEAPONS- such as swords, spears, helmets and armours and all other ancient weapons.
- 7) ORNAMENTS - such as mirrored-dressing cases, hair-pins and ear-rings, caps and robes, embroidered works and all other ancient ornaments.
- 8) SCULPTURES - such as imagines of buddhas, carvings and all other sculptures.
- 9) RITUAL INSTRUMENTS - such as ancient ritual and musical instruments.
- 10) MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES - such as ancient agricultural and industrial implements and all other articles.

Article 3. The departments of civil affairs of the various provinces and territories shall direct all the municipal and

hsien governments to make full investigation of all scenic resorts, ancient remains and relics in their respective districts and submit fully itemized reports according to the form prescribed by the Ministry through the competent provincial or territorial governments to the Ministry of Interior for reference.

Article 4. All municipal and *hsien* governments shall adequately protect scenic resorts, ancient remains and relics in their respective districts according to their environments in the following manners:

- 1) Scenic lakes and mountains shall not, unless necessary, be freely transformed to any state that would impair their original appearances.
- 2) Ancient imperial tombs and graves shall be surrounded and encircled with trees or signs to prevent woodcutting and herding. Other remains of scenic interest and ancient structures shall undergo repairs whenever required with funds to be raised in consultation with local organizations. Those having historical referential value or remains still surviving but gradually becoming disappeared shall have tablets set up for future reference.
- 3) Stone tablets, steles, and slabs, statuaries, decorated walls and cliff inscriptions of the various dynasties shall be effectively protected by specially designated local organizations or other appropriate persons,

so as to prevent reproduction made through rubbing process, damages, destructions or unauthorized sales or removals. Any that may be reproduced by rubbing process, irrespective of its state of completeness, shall be made, in duplicate, and forwarded by mail directly to the Ministry of Interior for reference.

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- 4) Ancient plants shall be fully protected by the specially designated local organizations or individuals in the districts where the plants are located.
- 5) Bronzes and tablets, ceramic wares, sculptures and all other relics shall be investigated and collected, and exhibited in local exhibition halls or other public places. Strict rules of control to prevent misplacement and losses shall be prescribed.

Article 5. All municipal and *hsien* governments may, according to local environments, set up Associations for the Preservation of Scenic Resorts, Ancient Remains and Relics, and appropriately draw up and submit measures through the proper department of civil affairs for approval and transmittal to the Ministry of Interior for recordation.

Article 6. All municipal and *hsien* governments may issue independent rules for the preservation of scenic resorts, ancient remains and relics; provided, however, that they are not in contravention of the sphere of existing laws and orders.

Article 7. All scenic resorts and ancient remains shall be preserved permanently. However, if any is liable to expropriation under the land expropriation law, the municipal or *hsien* government concerned shall report through the appropriate department of civil affairs to the Ministry of Interior for consideration and action.

Article 8. In the event of any damage or demolition, due to lack of adequate protection, of any scenic resorts, ancient remains or relics, the responsible officers of the municipal or *hsien* government concerned shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Article 9. Whoever damages, steals, embezzles or encroaches upon any scenic resorts, ancient remains or relics shall be liable to the maximum punishment under the Criminal Code .

Article 10. All scenic resorts, ancient remains and relics located in special municipalities shall be governed mutatis mutandis by the provisions of the present regulations. The special municipal government concerned shall cause investigation and preservation to be made of such and report to the Ministry of Interior for record.

Article 11. The present regulations shall become effective from the date of promulgation.

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