

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON CHINA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 4 November 1946. It is one of the Organization's founding members.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board: Yes**
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (term expires in 2015)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2015)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning; Elected Member: Mr Zhang Xinsheng (term expires in 2015)
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education Member: Prof. Jianzhong Cha
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning; Member: Mr Minxuan Zhang
4. **The Director General's visits to China: 8**
  - 22-23 May 2015
  - 2-5 June 2014
  - 14-16 May 2013
  - 14-15 June 2013
  - 20-23 October 2013
  - 12-17 May 2012
  - 10-13 August 2011
  - 17-22 May 2010
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Ms Zhang Xiuqin, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 28 May 2014)
  - Staff: Mr Fang Qingchao, Deputy Permanent Delegate, and 9 staff
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr You Shaozhong (January 2012 – March 2014)
6. **UNESCO Office in Beijing:**
  - Date of establishment: 1984
  - Member States serviced: Cluster Office and Office of the Representative to China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia and Republic of Korea
  - Officer-in-Charge a.i.: Ms Eunice Smith (P-4, Grenade), since 1 January 2015
7. **National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1979
  - Chairperson: Mr HAO Ping, Vice-Minister of Education (since June 2009), President of the General Conference
  - Secretary-General: Mr DU Yue (since September 2011)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Mrs Peng Liyuan, Special Envoy for the Advancement of Girls' and Women's Education
  - Ms Gong Li, Artist for Peace

- Mr Jun Zhang, Artist for Peace
- Ms Tai Lihua, The China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe, UNESCO Artists for Peace
- Mr Ke Gong, Member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board

**9. UNESCO Chairs: 18 + 1 UNITWIN network**

- UNESCO-UNU Chair in Plant Biotechnology, Beijing University (1992)
- UNESCO Chair on University-Industry Partnership for National Development, China National Institute of Educational Research (1994)
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Management, Southeast University, Nanjing (1998)
- UNESCO Chair on Continuing Engineering Education, Tsinghua University (1999)
- UNESCO Chair in Higher Education, Beijing University (1999)
- UNESCO Chair in Copyright and Neighbouring Rights, Renmin University (2001)
- UNESCO/ EOLSS Chair in Science and Technology Policies, Zhongshan (Sun Yat-Sen) University, Guangzhou (2001)
- UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education, East China Normal University, Shanghai (2004)
- UNESCO Chair on Cooperation Between Higher Engineering Education and Industries, Beijing Jiao-Tong University, Beijing (2005)
- UNESCO Chair in Media and Gender, Communication University of China, Beijing (2005)
- UNESCO/COUSTEAU Ecotechnie Chair, Yunnan University, Kunming (2005)
- UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurial Education, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou (2010)
- UNESCO Chair in Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Lifelong Learning, Hong Kong Institute of Education (2011)
- UNESCO Chair in Hydroinformatics for Ecohydrology, Capital Normal University (2011)
- UNESCO Chair in South-South Cooperation on Science and Technology to Address Climate Change, Beijing Institute of Technology, China Science and Technology Exchange Center (2012)
- UNESCO Chair in Comparative Education, University of Hong Kong (2012)
- UNESCO chair on Theatre Education, Central Academy of Drama, Beijing (2013)
- UNESCO/IOC Chair on ocean and Urban Development, East China Normal University (2014)
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- UNITWIN Network in Distance and Open Learning, Shanghai TV University (1997)

**Note:** China has the largest number of UNESCO Chairs established in the Asia and the Pacific region.

**10. Associated schools: 8 (secondary). China joined the ASP Network in 1998.**

**11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 9**

- International Research and Training Centre for Rural Education, Beijing
- International Research and Training Centre on Erosion and Sedimentation, Beijing
- International Research Centre on Karst - in the field of Earth sciences, Guilin
- International Centre On Space Technologies For Cultural And Natural Heritage, Beijing
- International Training Centre For Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region
- International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy, Beijing
- International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology, Beijing
- International Centre on Global-scale Geochemistry, Langfang
- World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region

**12. Biosphere Reserves: 33**

- Baishuijiang
- Baotianman
- Bogeda
- Changbaishan
- Chebaling
- Dalai Lake

- Dinghushan
- Fanjingshan
- Fenglin
- Foping
- Gaoligong Mountain
- Hanma
- Huanglong
- Jinggangshan
- Jiuzhaigou Valley
- Mao'er Mountain
- Maolan
- Nanji Islands
- Niubeiliang
- Qomolangma
- Saihan Wula
- Shankou Mangrove
- Shennongjia
- Snake Island, Laotie Mountain
- Tianmushan
- Wolong
- Wudalianchi
- Wuyishan
- Xilin Gol
- Xingkai Lake
- Xishuangbanna
- Yading
- Yancheng

**13. Global Geoparks: 31**

**14. World Heritage Sites: 48 properties**

*Cultural*

- Tusi Sites (2015)
- Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains (1994)
- Ancient City of Ping Yao (1997)
- Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui – Xidi and Hongcun (2000)
- Capital Cities and Tombs of the Ancient Koguryo Kingdom (2004)
- Classical Gardens of Suzhou (1997)
- Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces (2013)
- Dazu Rock Carvings (1999)
- Fujian *Tulou* (2008)
- Historic Centre of Macao (2005)
- Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa (1994)
- Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in “The Centre of Heaven and Earth” (2010)
- Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shenyang (1987)
- Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties (2000)
- Kaiping Diaolou and Villages (2007)
- Longmen Grottoes (2000)
- Lushan National Park (1996)
- Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor (1987)
- Mogao Caves (1987)
- Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System (2000)
- Mount Wutai (2009)
- Mountain Resort and its Outlying Temples, Chengde (1994)
- Old Town of Lijiang (1997)
- Peking Man Site at Zhoukoudian (1987)

- Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor (2014)
- Site of Xanadu (2012)
- Summer Palace, an Imperial Garden in Beijing (1998)
- Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu (1994)
- Temple of Heaven: an Imperial Sacrificial Altar in Beijing (1998)
- The Grand Canal (2014)
- The Great Wall (1987)
- West Lake Cultural Landscape of Hangzhou (2011)
- Yin Xu (2006)
- Yungang Grottoes (2001)

*Natural*

- Chengjiang Fossil Site (2012)
- China Danxia (2010)
- Huanglong Scenic and Historic Interest Area (1992)
- Jiuzhaigou Valley Scenic and Historic Interest Area (1992)
- Mount Sanqingshan National Park (2008)
- Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries - Wolong, Mt Siguniang and Jiajin Mountains (2006)
- South China Karst (2007)
- Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas (2003)
- Wulingyuan Scenic and Historic Interest Area (1992)
- Xinjiang Tianshan (2013)

*Mixed*

- Mount Taishan (1987)
- Mount Huangshan (1990)
- Mount Emei Scenic Area, including Leshan Giant Buddha Scenic Area (1996)
- Mount Wuyi (1999)

**15. Tentative list: 54 properties**

*Cultural sites*

- Chinese Section of the Silk Road: Land routes in Henan Province, Shaanxi Province, Gansu Province, Qinghai Province, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region; Sea Routes in Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province and Quanzhou City, Fujian Province - from Western-Han Dynasty to Qing Dynasty (2008)
- Sites for Liquor Making in China (2008)
- Ancient Residences in Shanxi and Shaanxi Provinces (2008)
- City Walls of the Ming and Qing Dynasties (2008)
- Slender West Lake and Historic Urban Area in Yangzhou (2008)
- The Ancient Waterfront Towns in the South of Yangtze River (2008)
- Fenghuang Ancient City (2008)
- Site of Southern Yue State (2008)
- The Rock Painting of the Mountain Huashan (2008)
- Baiheliang Ancient Hydrological Inscription (2008)
- Miao Nationality Villages in Southeast Guizhou Province: The villages of Miao Nationality at the Foot of Leigong Mountain in Miao Ling Mountains (2008)
- Karez Wells (2008)
- Expansion Project of Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties: King Lujian's Tombs (2008)
- The Central Axis of Beijing (including Beihai) (2013)
- Wooden Structures of Liao Dynasty—Wooden Pagoda of Yingxian County, Main Hall of Fengguo Monastery of Yixian County (2013)
- Sites of Hongshan Culture: The Niuheiliang Archaeological Site, the Hongshanhou Archaeological Site, and Weijiawopu Archaeological Site (2013)
- Liangzhu Archaeological Site (2013)
- Ancient Porcelain Kiln Site in China (2013)
- Kulangsu (2013)

- SanFangQiXiang (2013)
- Ancient Tea Plantations of Jingmai Mountain in Pu'er (2013)
- Western Xia Imperial Tombs (2013)
- Dong Villages (2013)
- Lingqu Canal (2013)
- Diaolou Buildings and Villages for Tibetan and Qiang Ethnic Groups (2013)
- Archaeological Sites of the Ancient Shu State: Site at Jinsha and Joint Tombs of Boat-shaped Coffins in Chengdu City, Sichuan Province; Site of Sanxingdui in Guanghan City, Sichuan Province 29C.BC-5C.BC (2013)

*Natural sites*

- Shennongjia Nature Reserve (1996)
- Dongzhai Port Nature Reserve (1996)
- The Alligator Sinensis Nature Reserve (1996)
- Poyang Nature Reserve (1996)
- The Lijiang River Scenic Zone at Guilin (1996)
- Jinfushan Scenic Spot (2001)
- Heaven Pit and Ground Seam Scenic Spot (2001)
- Wudalianchi Scenic Spots (2001)
- Taklimakan Desert—Populus euphratica Forests (2010)
- China Altay (2010)
- Karakorum-Pamir (2010)
- Dunhuang Yardangs (2015)
- Fanjingshan (2015)
- Qinghai Hoh Xil (2015)
- Xinjiang Yardang (2015)

*Mixed*

- Yalong, Tibet (2001)
- Yangtze Gorges Scenic Spot (2001)
- Hua Shan Scenic Area (2001)
- Yandang Mountain (2001)
- Nanxi River (2001)
- Maijishan Scenic Spots (2001)
- Haitan Scenic Spots (2001)
- Dali Chanshan Mountain and Erhai Lake Scenic Spot (2001)
- The Four Sacred Mountains as an Extension of Mt. Taishan (2008)
- Jinggangshan--North Wuyishan (Extension of Mount Wuyi) (2015)
- ShuDao (2015)
- Tianzhushan (2015)
- Tulin-Guge Scenic and Historic Interest Areas (2015)

**16. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 38 inscriptions on the Representative List

- Chinese Zhusuan, knowledge and practices of mathematical calculation through the abacus (2013)
- Strategy for training coming generations of Fujian puppetry practitioners (2012)
- Chinese Shadow Puppetry (2011)
- Acupuncture and moxibustion of traditional Chinese medicine (2010)
- Peking opera (2010)
- China engraved block printing technique (2009)
- Chinese calligraphy (2009)
- Chinese paper-cut (2009)
- Chinese traditional architectural craftsmanship for timber-framed structures (2009)
- Farmers' dance of China's Korean ethnic group (2009)
- Gesar epic tradition (2009)
- Grand song of the Dong ethnic group (2009)
- Hua'er (2009)

- Manas (2009)
- Mongolian art of singing: Khoomei (2009)
- Nanyin (2009)
- Regong arts (2009)
- Sericulture and silk craftsmanship of China (2009)
- The Dragon Boat festival (2009)
- The Mazu belief and customs (2009)
- The art of Chinese seal engraving (2009)
- The craftsmanship of Nanjing Yunjin brocade (2009)
- The traditional firing technology of Longquan celadon (2009)
- The traditional handicrafts of making Xuan paper (2009)
- Tibetan opera (2009)
- Xi'an wind and percussion ensemble (2009)
- Yueju opera (2009)
- Kun Qu Opera (2008)
- The Guqin and its Music (2008)
- The Uyghur Muqam of Xinjiang (2008)
- Urtiin Duu - Traditional Folk Long Song (2008) ; (multinational entry: China – Mongolia)

#### List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding

- Hezhen Yimaken storytelling (2011)
- Meshrep (2010)
- The watertight-bulkhead technology of Chinese junks
- Wooden movable-type printing of China (2010)
- Qiang New Year festival (2009)
- Traditional Li textile techniques: spinning, dyeing, weaving and embroidering (2009)
- Traditional design and practices for building Chinese wooden arch bridges (2009)

#### 17. **Memory of the World:** 9 inscriptions

- Traditional Music Sound Archives (1997) - Music Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Arts, Beijing
- Records of the Qing's Grand Secretariat (1999) - First Historical Archives of China, Palace Museum, Beijing
- Ancient Naxi Dongba Literature Manuscripts (2003)
- Golden Lists of the Qing Dynasty Imperial Examination (2005)
- Qing Dynasty Yangshi Lei Archives (2007)
- Huang Di Nei Jing (Yellow Emperor's Inner Canon) (2011)
- Ben Cao Gang Mu (Compendium of Materia Medica) (2011)
- Qiaopi and Yinxin Correspondence and Remittance Documents from Overseas Chinese (2013)
- Official Records of Tibet from the Yuan Dynasty China, 1304-1367 (2013)

#### 18. **Creative Cities Network:** 8 cities

- Shenzhen, Shanghai and Beijing (Cities of Design)
- Chengdu and Shunde (Cities of Gastronomy)
- Hangzhou, Jingdezhen and Suzhou (Cities of Crafts and Folk Art)

**Note:** China is the most active member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

#### 19. **Legal instruments:** 15 ratified and 24 non-ratified

#### 20. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:** none

#### 21. **Participation Programme:**

- 2014-2015: 4 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 98,000
- 2012-2013: 3 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 72,000

- 2010-2011: 6 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 139,000

**22. Fellowships:** 119 fellowships awarded between 2010 and 2014, for a total amount of US\$ 372,485 and in 2015, 36 fellowships selected as of August 2015.

**23. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes (expressed in US Dollars):**

Year	Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
<b>Total</b>	700,000	3,140,164	3,523,494

**24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:** paid for 2014  
(Assessment rate: 5.148%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 33,616,440)

**25. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented**  
10 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 18, max. 30)