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AAHM is a network of institutions throughout the Asia-Pacific region that offers professional training in the field of cultural heritage management. The mission of the AAHM is to strengthen professional capacity to sustainably manage heritage resources by providing a regional platform for institutional cooperation in education, training, and research. Under the guidance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage (ICCROM), AAHM promotes integrated, holistic and multi-disciplinary management of heritage resources, including both tangible and intangible expressions of culture.

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Message from the Secretariat

Welcome to the second edition of the Asian Academy for Heritage Management (AAHM) Newsletter this year. We would like to thank those who submitted news and articles for their contributions. Please print and post this newsletter to allow all staff and students to read it. The secretariat is now accepting articles, news, research announcements and events for our next issue. Please submit all items to us at asian-academy@unescobkk.org.

AAHM News

Third AAHM Strategy Meeting

6-7 June 2008, Chiang Mai, Thailand

The AAHM, in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University, held its third Strategy Meeting from 6 to 7 June 2008. With active participation from core members of the AAHM, the meeting provided a forum to share on-going member activities and to plan for the network's future management.

During the Second AAHM Strategy Meeting in Bangkok in 2006, it was agreed upon that the AAHM Executive Committee along with the AAHM Statutes should be established in order to sustainably manage the AAHM in the long run. Assembled members in the Third AAHM Strategy Meeting reviewed the AAHM Statutes, which are being circulated for the official endorsement by all AAHM members.

Upon the endorsement of the AAHM Statutes, nominations will be solicited for the AAHM Executive Committee which will play the central management role in the AAHM.

The future organizational structure of the AAHM, as proposed in the statutes, was discussed during the meeting. The Asian Center for Tourism Planning and Poverty Reduction (ACTPPR) proposed to provide secretariat support to the AAHM. The following activities were proposed as the AAHM Secretariat's main activities:

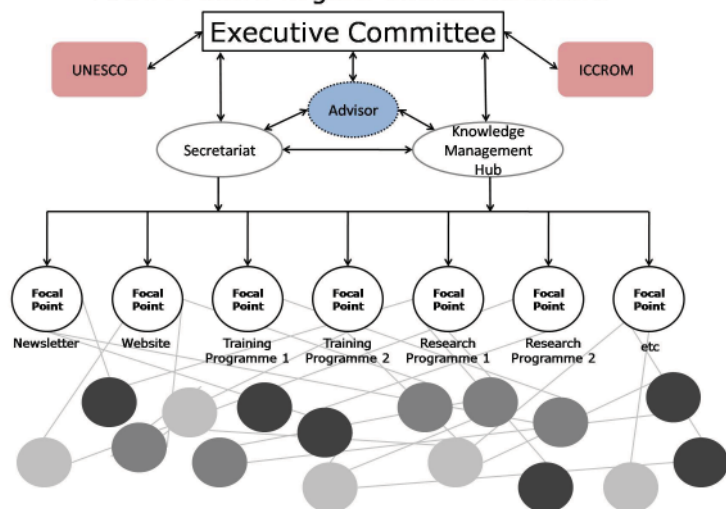
- Facilitation of faculty exchange (e.g. needs/demands/process);
- Facilitation of student opportunities (e.g. internships/scholarships);
- Facilitation of field schools and other training activities;
- Facilitation of consultancies/applied research projects;
- Facilitation of General Meetings, Executive Committee meetings;
- Liaison with members; and
- Newsletter (to be produced by another focal point member, but with coordinating support by the secretariat).

The Institute For Tourism Studies (IFT) proposed to function as the Knowledge Management Hub for the AAHM. The following activities were proposed as the Knowledge Management Hub's main activities:

- Clearinghouse of training curricula, conservation case studies, and other teaching/learning/research materials;
- Facilitation of research conference organization;
- Facilitation of training modules development, building on modules developed and refined by AAHM activities/members; and
- Possible development of web-based sharing platforms, in cooperation with potential focal points members.

The assembled core members endorsed both ACTPPR's and IFT's proposals and functions during this discussion.

AAHM Future Organizational Structure



Various institutions were also proposed as focal points for the key activities during the meeting:

- Graduate School of Human Comprehensive Sciences, University of Tsukuba was proposed to host the second

AAHM Annual Research Conference.

- Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific, Deakin University was proposed as the focal point for the museums training modules.
- IFT was proposed as the focal point for the Cultural Heritage Specialist Guides modules/programme.
- National College of Arts was proposed as the focal point for the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Training and Certification module and to develop the Lahore Living Laboratory.
- College of Architecture, University of the Philippines was proposed as the focal point for the Heritage Conservation Awareness Mayor's Training Programme.
- Institute of International Culture Conservation, Showa Women's University was proposed to support field schools/on-site training activities in Viet Nam.
- Department of Archaeology, Flinders University was proposed to support field schools/on-site training activities related to underwater archaeology.
- School of Travel Industry Management, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa was proposed to support field schools/on-site training activities related to cultural tourism.

The results of the AAHM Strategy Meeting have been brought to the attention of the World Heritage Centre at UNESCO Headquarters. The collective initiatives of the network will be tabled at an upcoming meeting to be held in Turin, Italy which will gather institutions and networks teaching heritage education from around the world and consider their possible federation into a World Heritage Academy.

For more information about the AAHM Third Strategy Meeting, please contact us at: asian-academy@unesco.org.

Regional Evaluation Seminar on Training-of-Trainers on Cultural Tourism Sites Management and Guiding

26-27 May 2008, Khon Kaen, Thailand

A series of national workshops organized through the joint collaboration of UNESCAP, UNESCO and national tourism organizations from each country throughout the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS), within the framework of the GMS Tourism Strategy, was concluded in the regional evaluation seminar on Training-of-Trainers on Cultural Tourism Sites Management and Guiding, which was held jointly with UNESCAP and the Mekong Institute in Khon Kaen, Thailand from 26-27 May 2008. The training materials and curricula were evaluated and planning for national implementation was undertaken.

This series was launched collaboratively by UNESCAP and UNESCO in 2007 in order to ensure the sustainable management of cultural heritage sites in the region, which have become major tourism destinations. Workshops were held in the following sites:

- Hoi An Ancient Town World Heritage site, Viet Nam, 23-28 July 2008
- Bangkok and the Historic City of Ayutthaya World Heritage site, Thailand, 30 July-4 August 2007
- Champasak and Vat Phou World Heritage site, Lao PDR, 1-7 October 2007

- Angkor World Heritage site, Cambodia, 11-16 February 2008

Training materials for Cultural Heritage Specialist Guide Programme are now available in Chinese, Khmer, Laotian, Thai and Vietnamese. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=6784>.



For more information about the regional evaluation seminar, please contact Mr Jean-Loius Vignuda at: vignuda.unescap@un.org.

AAHM Member News

The Third International Symposium on Architecture and Culture in Suvarnabhumi

20-26 October 2008, Khon Kaen, Thailand

The Faculty of Architecture, Khon Kaen University will hold the third International Symposium on Architecture and Culture in Suvarnabhumi (ISACS) 2008 from 20 to 26 October 2008 in Khon Kaen University, Thailand. The conference topic is "Local Wisdom, Universal Future ISACS 2008". It aims to provoke the knowledge and experience exchange among scholars from all related disciplines of architecture, art, and culture in response to the context of sustainable development.

For more information, please visit <http://arch.kku.ac.th/ISACS2008> or contact isacs2008@gmail.com.

Heritage Watch: 2009 Recipient of the Conservation and Heritage Management Award

Heritage Watch, founded in 2003, has been recognized by the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) for its contributions to preserving cultural heritage in Cambodia. The Conservation and Heritage Management Award is presented to individuals or institutions with achievements in archaeological conservation, conservation science, heritage management and public awareness raising.

For additional information about Heritage Watch, please visit their website at: <http://www.heritagewatch.org/>.

ICCROM News

ATHĀR: Conservation and Management of Heritage Sites in the Arab Region

27 October-4 December 2008, Sharjah, UAE

ICCROM's ATHĀR programme (Conservation of Archaeological Heritage in the Arab Region - Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon), which focuses on the heritage of the Arab region, will be organized from 27 October to 4 December 2008.

The course under the ATHĀR programme aims to promote international heritage conservation principles to heritage professionals and recognise methods and priorities for conservation of heritage sites in the Arab region.

For additional and up-to-date information about this course and other ATHĀR programmes, please visit ICCROM's website at: http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train_en/announce_en/2008_10AtharUAE_en.shtml.

CollAsia 2010: Developing appropriate skills in conservation

10-30 September 2008, New Delhi, India

ICCROM, SEAMEO-SPAFA and the Getty Foundation are organizing the course aiming at promoting the capacity of professionals responsible for Southeast Asian collections to participate and take the lead in designing and implementing educational activities on an institutional, national and international level.

This course consists of two parts, interactive and participatory sessions, emphasizing both theoretical and practical aspects.

For more information regarding this course, please visit ICCROM's website at: http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train_en/announce_en/2008_09CollAsia_en.shtml.

JPC 2008 International Course on Conservation of Japanese Paper

8-27 September 2008, Tokyo, Japan

ICCROM and the National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Tokyo are organizing the course on conserving Japanese paper in paintings, calligraphic works and other paper-based artifacts.

This course consists of lectures, practical workshops and a study tour to visit traditional paper-making masters and mounting studios to provide understanding of the Japanese paper tradition and to build bridges between the Japanese and the Western paper conservation approach.

For more information regarding the course, please visit ICCROM's website at: http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train_en/announce_en/2008_09jpc2008_en.shtml.

UNESCO Asia-Pacific News

2008 UNESCO Award of Excellence for Handicrafts for Southeast Asia

Established to encourage craft-workers to use traditional skills and materials, the Award of Excellence programme for

Southeast Asia aims to ensure the continuation of traditional knowledge and skills and the preservation of cultural diversity in Southeast Asia.

Craftspeople granted with the "Award" will be presented with certificates and gain support and advice from UNESCO, the ASEAN Handicraft Promotion and Development Association (AHPADA), and the Support Arts and Crafts International Center of Thailand (SACICT) on capacity-building and promotional opportunities including national and international trade fairs.

All interested artisans and craft producers are encouraged to visit the website at: <http://www.unescobkk.org/culture/craftseal> or contact their partner organization to obtain an application form and further information.

Call for Entries: 2009 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation

Entries are now being accepted for the 2009 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation. The awards programme, in its tenth year, recognizes the achievement of individuals and organizations within the private sector, and public-private initiatives, in successfully restoring structures of heritage value in the Asia-Pacific region. The deadline for receipt of materials is 31 March 2009.

Projects involving buildings more than fifty years old which were completed within the last ten years are eligible for consideration. Houses, commercial, cultural, religious, industrial or institutional buildings, gardens and bridges, for example, are all eligible for consideration. Public-private partnership projects such as historic towns, urban quarters and rural settlements where the essential elements are more than 50 years old are all eligible.

Entries for the 2009 awards programme must be submitted with an official entry form, drawings, photographs and project description to the UNESCO Bangkok. Complete programme information, including an entry form, is available on the website at <http://www.unescobkk.org/culture/heritageawards>. For more information please contact the UNESCO Bangkok at: culture@unescobkk.org.

In 2008, **Herat Old City** (Afghanistan) and **Stadium Merdeka** (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) have been honoured with the Awards of Excellence.

The three Awards of Distinction went to the **National Pass** in the Blue Mountains (New South Wales, Australia), the **Fujian Earth Buildings** (Fujian Province, China) and **Suffolk House** (Penang, Malaysia).

The three Awards of Merit were given to **Vysial Street** (Pondicherry, India), the **Shigar Historic Settlements and Bazaar Area** (Northern Areas, Pakistan) and **Wat Pongsanuk** (Lampang, Thailand).

Six Honourable Mentions were also announced. They are the **Bethanie** (Hong Kong SAR, China), the **Archiepiscopal Palace** (Goa, India), the **Craigie Burn Bungalow** (Matheran, India), **Bach 38** (Rangitoto Island, Auckland, New Zealand), the **Amphawa Canal Community** (Amphawa District, Samut Songkhram Province, Thailand) and the **Crown Property Bureau Building** (Chachoengsao Province, Thailand).

The 2008 Heritage Awards Jury Commendation for Innovation was awarded to **733 Mountbatten Road** (Singapore).

Training Workshop on Preservation and Management of Monuments of Temurid Architecture

21 April-2 May 2008, Uzbekistan

The second of three itinerant workshops on the "Conservation and Management of Persian, Temurid and Mogul Architecture" drew more than thirty cultural heritage professionals and World Heritage site managers to discuss the issues on preservation and management of monuments of Temurid architecture, including: (i) conservation and management plans for the sites and specific technical issues on the use of traditional and new methods, (ii) strengthening of foundations and structural elements, and (iii) humidity problems and maintenance of decoration (tiles, plaster and wall paintings) in preserving monuments of Temurid architecture.

For further information, please contact Ms Ainura Tentieva and Mr Roland Lin from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre at: a.tentieva@unesco.org and r.lin@unesco.org.

Strengthening National Capacities for Implementing the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

17-18 April 2008, Jakarta, Indonesia

Following Indonesia's ratification of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in October 2007, the Department of Culture and Tourism, the Indonesian National Commission for UNESCO, and the UNESCO Office in Jakarta jointly convened a capacity-building workshop for the implementation of the Convention, with technical support from the Section of Intangible Cultural Heritage at UNESCO Headquarters.

The objective of the workshop was to map intangible cultural heritage resources in Indonesia with participation of communities and explain the procedure for the preparation of nomination files to the 'Representative List' and to the 'List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Urgent Need of Safeguarding'.

For more information about the workshop, please contact Ms Himalchuli Gurung at: h.gurung@unesco.org.

Opportunities for Students and Professionals

Internship Opportunities

AAHM is accepting interns with relevant educational backgrounds to assist the work of the network secretariat. Internship applications and other information is available on our website at: <http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=923>.

Asia-Pacific Heritage News in the Press

Student Volunteers to Preserve India's Heritage

"The Culture Ministry has submitted an ambitious programme to the Planning Commission to educate students in nearly 12,000 senior secondary schools and 5,000 colleges across the country on the rich cultural history of India. Under the Cultural

Heritage Volunteer (CHV) scheme, student volunteers will be trained by scholars, educationists and artists. The students will also be engaged in recording and documenting the most threatened forms of cultural heritage."

"The ministry has recommended an outlay of Rs 1 billion for the 11th Five-Year Plan (2007-12) and an annual outlay of Rs.200 million for 2007-08 for the scheme."

Thaindian News - 3 July 2008: http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/uncategorized/student-volunteers-to-%20preserve-indias-heritage-minister_10067150.html.

Quake Caused Huge Damage to China's Cultural Relics

"A total of 169 cultural relics sites under state protection and 250 provincial level ones suffered damages of various degrees during the May 12 quake, official sources said Friday. Of the damaged relics, two were on the World Heritage List, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage said. In total, 2,766 pieces of relics were damaged, of which 292 were considered very precious, the administration said."

Xinhua News Agency - 6 June 2008: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-06/06/content_8322242.htm.

Building Height Limits Mandatory Around Guia Lighthouse

"A regulation sets the maximum height limit for building around the culturally protected area of the Guia Lighthouse" in order to avoid "tremendous damage to the World Heritage site. The government had collected opinions from World Heritage experts and considered the situation of Macao and its sustainable development before setting out the adjustments on the height limits of construction around the Guia Lighthouse."

Macao Daily Times - 17 April 2008: http://www.macaodailytimesnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=10118&Itemid=99999999.

Hoi An - Preserving the Past

"Hoi An streets are slowly losing their authentic feel with more ancient houses being turned into businesses. Last December, Francesco Bandarin, director of the World Heritage Center, had warned Hoi An that the city was slowly losing its authentic feel due to the replacement of street lanterns with neon lights and the encroachment of traffic and pollution. Although the city has designated Area I as a location that must be preserved in its original format without any renovation, some of the streets are simply being turned into a wholesale supermarket, with shop after shop lined up. According to Le Van Giang, chairman of Hoi An People's Committee, the city hopes to finalize its new zoning guideline for businesses in Area I by 1 May 2008, which prevent mushrooming business from crowding its ancient streets, though in 2006 it already said it would limit business activities in Area I to only souvenir shops. Preserving Hoi An isn't just for the sake of sightseeing and pleasing tourists, Giang said. 'It's about preserving a community.'"

Thanh Nien Daily - 07 April 2008: <http://www.thanhniennews.com/travel/?catid=7&newsid=37445>.

Underwater Archaeology in Iran

"As evidenced by archaeological documents, the ancient city of Kish, the wall of the ancient city of Gorgan, Takht-E Suleiman and part of the Portuguese Castle are submerged in Iran's coastal waters. Although Iran's underwater archaeological activities are over half a century old, this topic is yet to be treated in a suitable manner. Referring to the fact that UNESCO is setting regulations for underwater archaeology, Mir-Eskandari noted that the world body has drawn up sanctuaries and marine borders as well as laws related to discovered relics. The current year has been called the Year of Underwater Archaeology by ICOMOS and UNESCO is trying to mark this occasion in Iran. The prospects of marine archaeology have a bright outlook, but organizational measures inside the country are few and two or three people cannot accomplish much."

Persian Journal – 12 March 2008: http://www.iranian.ws/iran_news/publish/article_24464.shtml.

Asia-Pacific Calendar of Events

Call for Papers: GASS 2008 Conference "Future - Asia - Space"

5-7 December 2008, Singapore

The fifth Great Asian Streets Symposium (GASS) will be held in the Department of Architecture, School of Design and Environment, National University of Singapore under the theme of "FUTURE - ASIAN - SPACE." Papers will generate discussions about Asian urbanism in the future, focusing on the following three sub-themes:

- Design: Future Space
- Experience: Asian Space
- Sustainability: Future Cities

The conference aims at enhancing constructive thinking about cities in Asian in the twenty-first century.

For more information about the conference, please visit the website at: <http://www.arch.nus.edu.sg/conferences/gass2008/first%20page.html>.

Call for Abstracts and Papers for the ICOMOS Thailand International Conference 2008 and ICOMOS Thailand Annual Meeting "Conservation and Management of Sacred Places"

29-30 November and 1 December 2008, Bangkok, Thailand

The conference will be organized by ICOMOS Thailand in cooperation with Architectural Heritage Management and Tourism Programme, Faculty of Architecture, Silpakorn University, and the Fine Arts Committee of the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA).

The purpose of the conference is to explore current trends and issues regarding cultural resource conservation and management focusing on sacred place. It consists of 2 days of paper presentations and a 1-day site visit to examples of sacred place management in Bangkok.

For more information about the conference, abstracts and papers, please visit the website at: <http://www.icomosthai.org>.

Community-Based Project: The Second Contest for Better Practices in Communities' Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Revitalization

Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU), in close cooperation with UNESCO, Cuzco Centre, Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the ICH in Latin America (CRESPIAL), Maison des Cultures du Monde, supported by the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO is currently undertaking the "Second Project for Better Practices in Communities' ICH Revitalization". As an inaugural activity of the project, ACCU is calling for entries of projects which present the best practices of safeguarding the local communities' ICH, which had once faced decline, but has successfully been revitalized.

Interested community leaders, practitioners, and scholars are invited to submit their entries before 28 November 2008. For more details about the submission, please visit: http://www.accu.or.jp/ich/en/community/contest_outline.html and more information about the project, please visit their website at: <http://www.accu.or.jp/ich/en/community/index.html>.

Intercom Meeting - Museums, Tourism and the Visitor Experience

24-28 November 2008, Rotorua, New Zealand

International Committee on Management of ICOM is organizing the meeting on "Museums, Tourism and the Visitor Experience". The conference focuses on museums as tourist destinations, audience development and enhancing the experience, and quality of the museum visit.

The meeting will explore these themes further through a combination of international speakers, presentations, workshop sessions and visits to key cultural tourism sites in the Rotorua area and beyond.

For more information about the meeting, please visit the website at <http://www.intercom.museum> or contact intercom@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk.

VSMM 2008 Digital Heritage International Conference

20-26 October 2008, Limassol, Cyprus

The Virtual Systems Multi Media (VSMM) 2008 is being organized in cooperation with the Cyprus National Commission of UNESCO, MINERVA+, MICHAEL+ and CHIRON. The conference focuses on interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research concerning cultural heritage informatics and uses of technology for the representation, documentation, preservation, archiving and communication of cultural heritage knowledge. Papers are now accepted for VSMM 2008 to exchange research results, opinions, experiences and proposals in e-documentation of World Cultural Heritage.

For more information about the joint conference please visit the website at: <http://www.vsmm2008.org> or directly contact the chair of the event at: chairman@vsmm2008.org.

CAMOC 2008 Conference in Seoul - City Museums and the Future of the City

6-8 October 2008, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Collections and Activities of Museums of Cities (CAMOC), ICOM's International Committee about Museums of Cities, will hold the conference at the Seoul Museum of History from

6 to 8 October 2008.

The conference is about the contribution of city museums to the future of the city. It is open not only to museum professionals, but also to urban planners, architects, geographers, conservationists and to all those organizations and individuals who are involved or interested in the city.

For further information, please visit CAMOC's website at: <http://www.camoc.icom.museum> or contact Mr Ian Jones at: ian.jones67@virgin.net.

2nd Call for Papers for 8th International Burma Studies Conference

3-5 October 2008, Illinois, USA

The Board of Trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation, the Burma Studies Group and the Center for Burma studies are seeking research papers for all topics about Burma studies. A series of cultural events will be hosted in conjunction with the conference.

For more information, please visit their website at: <http://www.grad.niu.edu/burma>.

TICCIH 2008 - First Chinese International Conference on Industrial Heritage

1-4 September 2008, Chengdu, China

Organized by the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH), Chengdu City and Peking University, the Conference aims to develop exhibitions for industrial heritage in cities over China.

Under the theme of "Cultural Exchange between China and the West: Conservation and Management of Industrial Heritage", the conference will focus on theories and methods on conservation of industrial heritage, management of traditional industrial heritage and transfer of technology during development. Each participant is required to submit one conference paper.

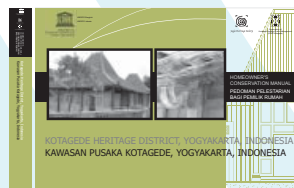
More detailed information concerning papers submission and conference registration can be found at: <http://www.ticcih.org>.

Book Reviews

Homeowners' Conservation Manual - Kotagede Heritage District, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

UNESCO 2007
ISBN: 978-979-96020-4-6

In response to the aftermath of the 27 May 2006 earthquake in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, this manual has been produced as a practical guide for rehabilitating, retrofitting, renovating, reconstructing, and maintaining traditional houses, especially for the heritage houses in Kotagede heritage district, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, in order to raise awareness and strengthen local community involvement in heritage conservation practices.



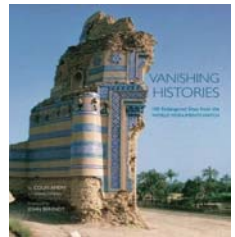
It provides knowledge of the conservation process to help homeowners understand the values of their houses and proper ways of conservation, such as 'what should be conserved' and 'how to plan and undertake conservation work'.

This manual is divided into four chapters that (i) explains the steps in the conservation process, (ii) provides an understanding of the architectural characteristics of Kotagede, (iii) and (iv) contains comprehensive guidelines for conservation, and (iv) explains the specific treatments for the building structures damaged by disasters, especially earthquakes.

This is part of the series Heritage Homeowners' Manuals for UNESCO World Heritage Sites developed by UNESCO in response to the growing need to ensure the sustainable conservation of historic towns of Outstanding Universal Value, along with the manuals for the World Heritage sites of the Kathmandu Valley (Nepal), Hoi An (Viet Nam) and Vigan (Philippines).

Vanishing Histories - 100 Endangered Sites from the World Monuments Watch

Editors: Colin Amery and Brian Curran
Harry N. Abrams, Inc, 2001.
ISBN: 0-8109-1435-2



Listing the 100 most endangered architectural heritage sites from all over the world, this book goes beyond repeating the same message a hundred times that heritage is an irreplaceable human treasure to report 100 case studies showcasing how the world's heritage sites are under siege.

The book provides information on each site's history, threats it is facing, necessary conservation action, and, in some cases, how social change can harm heritage architecture. All insights are provided in a very concise and easy-to-read language with descriptive graphics.

The World Monuments Watch is a programme for electing 100 most threatened sites every 2 years, which is run by the World Monument Fund, to draw international awareness to heritage protection issues.

Colin Amery is a writer and architectural consultant who works with the National Trust and the Sir John Soane Museum Society Board. John Berendt is a former editor for New York magazine and Esquire.

Constructing World Heritage

Editors: Sieglinde Gauer-Lietz and Marie-Theres Albert
IKO-Verlag für Interkulturelle Kommunikation, 2006
ISBN: 3-88939-795-6



The 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage has been widely adopted worldwide. The past 36 years have seen the development of more advanced conservation approaches as well as the increase in challenges to conservation. Thus, the protection of World Heritage sites should be a dynamic process.

Generated after the 2004 Symposium 'Perspectives of World Heritage', which was organized by the UNESCO Chair in Heritage Studies at the Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus, Germany, this book aims to illuminate the training needs in the area of World Heritage by summarizing the most updated insights gained from experts regarding World Heritage diversity, tangible and intangible heritage, and at the same time, providing new strategies and models for the future.

For more information about the book and bibliographic information, please visit: <http://dnb.ddb.de>.

New Members

Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

The World Heritage Research Center, College of Urban and Environment Sciences, Peking University, China

We would like to welcome our new institutional members from Thailand and China. The Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University helped us in both translating the core module of Cultural Heritage Specialist Guides Programme into Thai language and facilitating the training workshop in Champasak and Vat Phou, Lao PDR as one of the lead trainers. They also hosted the AAHM Third Strategy Meeting from 6 to 7 June 2008.

The World Heritage Research Center, College of Urban and Environment Sciences in Peking University, offers a PhD and MA programme on World Heritage Studies.

The AAHM now has 57 institutional members and 43 individual members. We would like to extend our warmest appreciation to our existing members and we hope our new members will reap great benefits from being a partner of the AAHM network.

Want to join the AAHM?

Signing up for the AAHM is easier than you think. Simply go to the 'Members' page of the AAHM website and download the documents your institution requires. Upon acceptance your institution will be eligible for all the benefits of the AAHM. Contact the AAHM at asian-academy@unescoykk.org for more information.

Staff News

Our colleague Ms Patricia Alberth, who has been instrumental in the development of the AAHM, has returned to Germany to work in community planning and World Heritage development. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for her commitment and her valuable contributions to the organization and wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

Mr Inaciso Pangchi Chan, who joined the AAHM secretariat from February to August 2008, has returned to continue his studies in the Heritage Management Bachelor's Programme at the Institute For Tourism Studies, Macao SAR, China.

We would like to welcome Ms Aiko Inoue who joined the AAHM secretariat from July 2008. She is currently studying in the Heritage Management MA Programme at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London. During her internship, she will assist in various activities of AAHM.

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