



*Ankara ~The Restoration Works Performed
in The Ulus Historical Town~*

Cover Photo: View of the Augustus Temple under restoration

*Review of the 13th World Conference
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Preservation of historical and cultural values

In all over the world, the societies preserving their historical and cultural values have always been considered as well-developed societies. The need to know his/her own past and root has always stimulated mankind's interest. The traces and the findings of the past have always helped us understand and know about ourselves and the other civilizations in more comprehensive way, while shedding a valuable insight into the mankind's journey on this planet. The earth, since its existence, has hosted countless civilizations and is still home for current ones. The lands which the civilizations inhabited had passed from one another hand and every established civilization has bequeathed its own historical and cultural legacy and vanished from the world stage. So, our share of duty is to protect these values and hand them down to the coming generations. Nowadays, especially among the local politicians, the desire to preserve historical and cultural heritage is escalating. These politicians are not only running various campaigns to lead their cities into the international platforms but also going through countless challenges to let their cities be recognized as a worldwide brand. Without a doubt, there are various ways to achieve the latter purpose, but of course the most important and preferred way to accomplish this vision is preserving the historical and cultural values of the cities and promoting them in an international level. A vast majority of western cities have succeeded in this approach and they generated revenues by the brand of their cities. As a matter of fact, some historical assets are so famous that in recognition they surpass the city they are located in.

City of Ankara and its history
Ankara, the capital city of Republic of Turkey, has been a cradle of many civilizations and is very old city which is known for its deep root in history. Ankara's history can be traced back to the Bronze Age. Hatti civilization which was succeeded in the 2nd millennium BC by the Hittites, in later by the Lydians, Persians, Greeks, Galatians, Romans, Byzantines, Seljukians, Ottoman Empire and Turks.



Opening ceremony of Hacibayram Veli Mosque, 2011

We can find many archeological sites and artifacts of the above mentioned civilizations in Ankara. Recently, numerous restoration projects have been implemented by Greater Ankara Municipality in this historical capital city with countless historical and cultural assets. Having a population of approximately 5 millions, Ankara is comprised of 25 central districts and the city possesses 19 universities, 44 museums, 26 theaters, 39 libraries, 146 cinema saloons, 584 natural and historical preservation sites of priority and 1927 registered cultural and natural assets.

In 2010, with the relevant decree of Minister of Cabinets, an area of 120 hectares in Ulus district, which is located in the boundaries of Greater Ankara Municipality was declared as "Renovation Area" and then the area was taken under preservation. Greater Ankara Municipality is rapidly continuing its relief, restoration, restoration and street renovation works in this area and putting a great effort in order to transform Ankara to a "Culture and Tourism Region". The restoration works which started from Hacibayram and its vicinity are still continuing in the Guvercin Street, (which is also known as the chandler bazaar), Hisarpark Street and inner parts of the Citadel. The zoning plan for the protection of this region is being carried out while 80% of the project studies of the historical buildings and the streets have been completed. A brief information about these works are given below:



Night scene around Augustus Temple

The Restoration Works in Hacibayram Mosque
With the decrees of Cultural and Natural Preservation Board in 2009, the relief and the restitution projects related to the Hacibayram Veli Mosque were approved. After the result of a year of efficient work, the restoration studies were completed on 14/02/2011 by Greater Ankara Municipality. After the aforementioned restoration works, the capacity of the Mosque was expanded from 1800 to 4500 people. Now, 8000 people can offer their prayers at once inside and in the outdoor part of the mosque.

Fountain Pool and Ablution Lavatories
The relevant projects in regard to the construction of fountain pool and ablution lavatories in the area which is located adjacent to the Augustus Temple have been approved by the Preservation Board and the construction process has been completed by Greater Ankara Municipality. The fountain pool made the court very attractive in appearance and has become a center of attraction for the citizens. The ablution lavatories and the rest rooms are clean and luxurious and providing a great comfort for the citizens with its hot and cold waters, fountains, chandeliers and marble stones.

Augustus Temple Fortification Project
With the decree number 4568 dated 12/11/2009 enforced by the Preservation Board, the fortification project of the side walls of Augustus Temple, was approved. This project was financed and completed by Greater Ankara Municipality in 2010, in accordance with the protocol, signed according to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Foundations, and the Municipality.

Project for the Restoration of Traditional Ankara Houses
There are 254 Traditional Ankara Houses in Guvercin, Eit'Zafer, Eit' Sevim, Taspinar, Saribag, Gaziantep, Adilve, Hacı Bayram Mosque, Greater Ankara Municipality designed the projects for 220 of these houses and they were approved by the Preservation Board. The implementation process has started for the 196 parcels and the restoration works for the vast majority of them have been completed and put into service for the citizens.

Restoration Works in Ankara Citadel and its Surroundings
The infrastructure works of the Ankara Citadel have been started by Greater Ankara Municipality (General Directorate of Water and Sewerage Administration-ASKI) on June 1, 2011. The aforementioned works started from the discharge point which is located in the Konya Street and was completed up to the point near the gate of the citadel. The installation work of 2850 m. waste water, 1550 m. rain water and 2650 m. of tap water pipeline has started and is still in progress. Negotiation about the necessary coordination of this work has been facilitated with other relevant institutions in the region (natural gas, telecom and electricity). The implementation work is carried out phase by phase so that it may not disturb the daily

lives of the artisans and the dwellers. The survey of the buildings located inside the Citadel has been completed. There are 380 buildings inside the Ankara Citadel and 141 of these buildings are designated for preservation. The relief, restitution and restoration projects are being prepared phase by phase by the Greater Ankara Municipality. The 1st phase of the restoration projects which covers the exterior section of the Ankara Citadel has been prepared and submitted to the Preservation Board. As soon as the projects are approved, the implementation work will start immediately and is expected to be completed at the end of this year. While continuing to perform these restoration works in Ulus Historical Town Center, relentlessly, Greater Ankara Municipality has not neglected the human dimension of this project. Thus, the Municipality has signed cooperation protocols with several universities to study the effect of these transformations on the artisans and citizens who live in this district. Courses and seminars are also organized for the education and self improvement of these people.

Similar to most other countries, our country has also encountered juridical problems, issues such as, the problems of expropriation process, lawsuits filed by the NGOs against the plans and projects, problems in finding qualified and competent personnel problems in coordinating with the relevant governmental bodies and the inability finding a competent firms for the implementation of a plan are stalling this project from time to time. Nevertheless, except for procrastination, these impediments are not formidable in achieving our goal.

After the completion of this significant project which is followed with a close interest by H.E. Melih GÖKÇEK, The Mayor of Ankara, the Capital City will demonstrate to the world that she is not only protecting her national historical values but also embracing and preserving historical legacies of many other civilizations which had once lived in this soil. As a result of this, The Temple of Augustus and Hacı Bayram Mosque which are standing side by side will carry their message of brotherhood, to eternity.



Fountain pool near Augustus Temple



Traditional Ankara Houses



Ablution lavatories near Augustus Temple

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Greater Ankara Municipality The Restrastion Works Performed In The Ulus Historical Town

The secretariat is proud to announce that the 13th World Conference of Historical Cities was held in Hue from April 16 to 18 in Hue, Vietnam and its outcome was very successful.

Owing to the great effort of the host city Hue, more than 300 people from 30 cities (23 cities from overseas and 7 cities from Vietnam) gathered from all over the world and had meaningful discussions on the future of the historical cities under the theme of "Defining Universal Heritage Challenges and Solutions".

In the General Assembly held on April 18, the Hue Declaration was adopted. Please find the following for details:



< Hue Declaration >

We gather here in Hue, Vietnam from the 16-18 of April 2012 to carry on discussing the problems encountered in heritage preservation in globalization context. As representatives of historical cities around the world from agricultural as well as industrial civilization, we have come together to engage in mutual dialogues, to share experience, and to pinpoint the universal problems which have been affecting our efforts in heritage preservation.

We are facing the pressing needs of urban development, and the demand for modern and technological life. These are not only the problems of a single country, but also those of many other historical cities. The processes of industrialization and globalization are leading to changes in production methods and technology, as a consequence mankind will witness numerous impacts on nature, quality of human life, and cultural works of each city, nation and region of the world. Faced with these realities, we find that it is imperative to safe-guard and to promote the heritage values so as to curb the negatives impacts found in heritage preservation as an endeavor to share cultural knowledge as a tool for greater understanding and respect among cities, countries, and people of the world.

1. As a result, we adopt the slogan: "Respect the past, move towards the future";
2. We pledge to actively contact one another to further develop the network for research and restoration experience of our heritage;
3. As citizens of historical cities, we will actively promote, preserve, promulgate and enhance our tradition and culture at all levels amidst ongoing globalization;
4. We pledge to actively enhance the understanding of cultural values within our community, especially within the younger generation. We also encourage the Youth Exchange to promote and share the perception of national cultural preservation;
5. We pledge to plan programs to sponsor local and regional initiatives relating to the restoration and management of heritage values;
6. We pledge to actively take part in sustainable heritage management through networking and relationship building with the conference participants and the other member cities of the League of Historical Cities.

We are convinced that an action-orientated strategy, which draws attention of all stakeholders, will allow us to establish the best solutions for the conservation of cultural heritage values in the context of sustainable development in all historical cities.

18 April 2012, in Hue, Vietnam

Review of the 13th World Conference of Historical Cities held in Hue, Vietnam from April 16 to 18, 2012

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16-18 April 2012

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Defining Universal Heritage Challenges and Solutions

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Hotel Saigon Morin

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Day 1 (April 16)

- 09:00 Opening Ceremony
- Keynote speech of Prof. Takeshi Nakagawa, Department of Architecture, School of Creative Science and Engineering, Waseda University
- 10:25 Youth Forum (continued until 17:30)
- Presentations by university students from Konya, Kyoto and Hue followed by group discussion.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Workshop (Presentations by 8 experts)
- 19:00 Welcome Dinner



Keynote Speaker Prof. Takeshi Nakagawa,

Day 2 (April 17)

- 09:00 Workshop (Presentations by 1 experts)
- 10:30 Round Table (Presentations by 5 city representatives)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Round Table (Presentations by 8 city representatives)
- 19:00 Reception Dinner

Day 3 (April 18)

- 09:00 Excursion to Thien Mu Pagoda and Hue Citadel (Board Meeting)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 General Overview of the Sessions
- 15:20 General Assembly of the LHC
- 16:00 Closing Ceremony
- 19:00 Farewell Party

<Attended Cities>

Member Cities

- Ankara (Turkey)
- Bad Ischl (Austria)
- Ballararat (Australia)
- Boston (U.S.A.)
- Bursa (Turkey)
- Buyeo (Korea)
- Cape Town (South Africa)
- Gongju (Korea)
- Gyeongju (Korea)
- Hanoi (Vietnam)
- Hue (Vietnam)
- Kiev (Ukraine)
- Konya (Turkey)
- Kyoto (Japan)
- Nara (Japan)
- Osmangazi (Turkey)
- Riga (Latvia)
- Veliko Turnovo (Bulgaria)
- Vienma (Austria)
- Xian (China)
- Yangzhou (China)

Non Member Cities (from inside of Vietnam)

- Bac Ninh, Da Nang, Hoi An, Thanh Hoa, Thua Thien Hue

Non Member Cities (from outside of Vietnam)

- Saigo (Japan)
- Tokyo (Japan)
- Tainan (Chinese Taipei)



Hotel Saigon Morin, the Conference Venue



The Citadel Palace of Hue



Hue Festival held just before the conference



Conference advertisement

Outline of the Board of Directors' Meeting
Date and Time: 18 April 9:30 - 12:00
Venue: Hotel Saigon Morin

<Board Members>

Chairperson
 Kyoto (Japan)
Directors
 Vienna (Austria); Vice-Chairperson
 Xian (China); Vice-Chairperson
 Ballarat (Australia)
 Gyeongju (Korea)
 Isfahan (Iran) *absence
 Konya (Turkey) *absence
 Odessa (Ukraine)

<Host City of the 14th World Conference of Historical Cities in 2014>
 The City of Bad Ischl (Austria), City of Bagdad (Iraq), City of Chernivitsi (Ukraine), City of Veliko Turnovo (Republic of Bulgaria) and City of Yangzhou (China) had been expressing their desire to host the 14th World Conference of Historical Cities which will be held in 2014.

At the board meeting, Mr. Hannes Heide, mayor of Bad Ischl, and Mr. Bu Yu, vice chairman of Yangzhou Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference made a final presentation to express the cities' desire and appealed merits of holding the conference in their cities. As a result of voting, the board members approved Yangzhou to host the 14th conference in 2014.

<New Member Cities>

The board members discussed the new membership of the City of Hebron (Palestine), the City of Kutaisi (Georgia) and the City of Tainan (Chinese Taipei). Ms. Ching-Rong Lin, deputy mayor of Tainan made a presentation in front of the board members. As a result, all three cities were approved as member cities. The League enlarged the membership to 95 cities from 59 countries and regions.



(from left) Delegates from Vienna and Xian



Delegate from Ballarat



(from left) Delegates from Konya and Gyeongju

Outline of the General Assembly
Date and Time: 18 April 15:20 - 16:00
Venue: Hotel Saigon Morin

<Report of the Results of Deliberation at the Board of Directors' Meeting>
 Mr. Shigenori Shibata, the Secretary General of the LHC reported the results of deliberation at the General Assembly.

<Hue Declaration>

The City of Hue proposed the Hue Declaration as the outcome of the 13th Conference. Mr. Phan Trong Vinh, the chairman of Hue City People's Committee explained about the Declaration and the Chairperson of the League Mr. Daisaku Kadokawa, mayor of Kyoto, who took a chair of the General Assembly confirmed its approval by applauds of attended member cities' delegates.

<Signing of the Hue Declaration>

All attended representatives of the member cities went up to the stage and signed the Declaration one by one.



Mr. Phan Trong Vinh, Mayor of Hue makes greetings at the meeting.



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Representatives from the attended cities

Review of the Youth Forum for University Students

held in Hue, Vietnam on 16 -17 Apr., 2012

The Youth Forum took place to offer university students the opportunity to make presentations as well as to encourage the development of young people who would support the future of historical cities. Also, the Youth Forum Declaration was adopted by the forum participants and was announced at the General Overview of the Sessions on 18 April, the last day of the Conference.



Schedule of the Youth Forum

16 Apr.
 10:25-14:50
 6 presentations by students
 (1 team each from City of Konya and Kyoto
 4 teams from City of Hue)
 14:50-15:15
 Group Discussion
 15:45-17:30
 Cultural Exchange
17 Apr.
 10:25-17:30
 Visiting Street Children's Home sponsored
 by Jass (Japanese Association of Supporting
 Street Children's Home in Vietnam)

<Youth Forum Declaration>

We, representatives of the youth from the historical cities around the world, gather in Hue City, in the year 2012 to discuss and share experiences, thoughts and effective methods about ways to safeguard and to promote the heritage values.

The process of globalization opens up a great many new opportunities to the youth expanding their cultural exchange, information and technology sharing, and educational chance. On the one hand, it brings positive thinking and delivers progressive ideas to them. On the other hand, it will lead the youth to lose the respect for their own culture and to standardize the values of the people all over the world thus resulting in the loss of valuable uniqueness of each culture.

We are now watching changes in the lifestyles and living skills of a number of present-day young men who have neither responsibility to society nor a sense of safeguarding traditional culture and cross-cultural communication. Paradoxically, it is who are the future generation of the country, the one who goes on inheriting the cultural values which have been crystallized by our forefathers for thousands of years. That is the reason why we are here to demonstrate our deference and to express our wish to jointly safeguard and promote these values. To this end, we request that the following should be executed:

1. Adopting a new concept of inheriting and promoting the cultural heritage values using the motto "Unity in diversity";
2. Arranging academic exchanges, establishing the professional relationship relating to cultural heritage conservation and pointing out the cultural characteristic peculiar to each people through representatives present at this gathering;
3. Taking action to disseminate and to enhance the national cultural values through the participation in the cultural activities both in and outside the country;
4. Raising our knowledge of other cultures and civilizations with a view to enhancing our understanding and expanding our friendly cooperation.
5. In the trend of building and developing a harmonious and new city, we should focus on being constantly concerned with the landscape as well as the environment for the sake of a sustainable urban city;
6. As the young generation, we do desire to get support from agencies at all levels so that we may effectively contribute to conserving and promoting the heritage values.

Hue, 16 April, 2012

Review of the Board of Directors' Meeting & General Assembly of LHC 2012

held in Hue, Vietnam on 18 Apr., 2012



General Assembly of the League of Historical Cities 2012, held on 18 Apr.

Phan Trong Vinh

Chairman of People's Committee of Hue, Host City of the 13th World Conference of Historical Cities



Under the theme "Defining universal challenges to cultural heritage value and solutions", the 13th World Conference of Historical Cities in Hue, Vietnam has attracted the attention of 186 representatives from 30 cities of 14 countries and regions of all over the world. We were highly impressed by the coming of mayors, experts and young people from faraway regions to Hue to participate in the Conference and to share their experiences in safeguarding and promoting cultural heritage values

The 3-days conference was not long enough for the representatives to present their orientation policies, action plans as well as top solutions regarding the heritage preservation in the globalization trend. But follow-up discussions have introduced a wealth of practical and valuable experiences on management policies, encouragement of people's support and realization of legal provisions in the task of preserving and promoting heritage value in the historical cities which were different from history development and context of socio-economic background.

Every presentation was varied and multifaceted in form and content. Regarding the roundtable for mayors, almost all presentations gave a detailed description of practical experience in figuring out solutions for heritage preservation. In addition to sharing experience, this section also helped the planning authorities to visualize prospects and scenarios to protect both tangible and intangible cultural heritage against natural disaster, effect of people and particularly the globalization trend. Defining and recognizing heritage occur not only at national level but also at international one. Once again, I would like to express my deep gratitude to presenters for their thoughtful and enthusiastic presentations.

For the expert workshop, the presentations referred in depth to technical solutions, and initiatives in the purpose of using industrial heritage while keeping its historical value. Throughout human history, industrial heritage has always kept its purpose to meet demands of human in various forms. To me, this section served as a foundation to assess and look back at the

industrialization process of each nation. Storing traditional and industrial products are essential because the future generation draws inspiration for creating new products from them. The subtheme "Challenges and solutions to industrial heritage" was thoroughly exploited.

Another successful forum for the youth was conducted in parallel. With the subtheme of "Youth awareness and actions in promoting traditional heritage values", the presentations provided an overall overview of youth to heritage safeguarding in many aspects such as engagement in environmental protection, enhancement of education, cultural exchange, use of internet to share information, dissemination of culture through facebook... Youth participants demonstrated their thoughts from the point of view that they are the future generation and owner of heritages. Through the conference, the youth had a good chance to exchange their opinions and built up a solidarity, a major foundation for sharing collective intellect in order to safeguard and promote heritage value, friendship and peace in the world.

After over two years' preparation for the 13th World Conference of Historical Cities, we have received many valuable recommendations from the Members of Historical Cities, especially from the secretariat of the League of Historical Cities and the responsibly voluntary engagement of local and international organizations, related agencies and students from Hue University in serving the conference with the aim of creating a friendly and safe environment for participants while their stay in Hue. And I do hope that our efforts have brought to you much comfort during the Conference. I wish that the same kind of friendship and enthusiasm would be enlivened in the 14th World Conference of Historical Cities, and that the spirit of Hue Declaration, which received abundant views contributed by you all, would be turned into action in each historical city. And we would continue our endeavors to share our experience of heritage preservation, using this as a tool to promote understandings among nations for the sake of peace. We do hope that the core message adopted in Hue Declaration will be propagated to historical cities throughout the world.

Finally, I hope that all the activities of the League of Historical Cities will be developed more and more in the future and their outcomes will be put into practice so as to create cooperative and friendly city network.

On behalf of the leaders and people of Hue City, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all participants and wish you all the best. May the 14th World Conference of Historical Cities due to take place in Yangzhou, China be highly successful.

Review of the 13th World Conference of Historical Cities

Phan Trong Vinh : Chairman of People's Committee of Hue,

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