

WORLD HISTORICAL CITIES



The League of Historical Cities Bulletin

No.74: December 2016

Accra
Alba Iulia
Alexandria
Algiers
Amsterdam
Andong
Ankara
Athens
Bad Ischl
Baghdad
Ballarat
Barcelona
Bordeaux
Boston
Bratislava
Brussels
Budapest
Bursa
Buyeo
Cape Town
Cartagena
Chengdu
Chernivtsi
Chiang Mai
Cologne
Constanta
Cordoba
Cracow
Cuenca
Cusco
Dijon
Dublin
Edinburgh
Fez
Florence
Geneva
Giza
Gyeongju
Guadalajara
Gyeongju
The Hague
Hanoi
Hebron
Helsingborg
Hue
Iasi
Isfahan
Istanbul
Jerusalem
Kaesong
Kamakura
Kanazawa
Kashan
Kathmandu
Kazan
Kiev
Konya
Kutaisi
Kyoto
Lahore
Lisbon
Ljubljana
Lutsk
Luxor
Lviv
Melbourne
Mexico City
Minsk
Montpellier
Montreal
Mtskheta
Naha
Nanjing
Nara
Neyshabur
Nicosia
Nis
Norwich
Norwood Payneham & St Peters
Odessa
Osmangazi
Paris
Prague
Quebec
Riga
Rome
Sanliurfa
Santiago de Compostela
Sarajevo
Sheki
Shiraz
South East Region of Malta
Strasbourg
Suwon
Taichung
Tainan
Tashkent
Termez
Tunis
Ulan Bator
Varanasi
Veliko Turnovo
Venice
Vienna
Wuxi
Xian
Yangon
Yangzhou
Yazd
Yogyakarta
Zagreb
Zhengzhou

112 cities from 63 countries and regions (As of December, 2016)



Teen Activities conducted by OWHC-AP (Organization of World Heritage Cities-Asia Pacific)

Youth and teens are indispensable constituents that make up the Organization of World Heritage Cities' local communities today, and they are the ones who have been growing along with the organization and they will be the ones that will keep it running in the future. Accordingly, the city of Gyeongju, paying attention to the roles they play, is developing various activities together with youth and teens.

Firstly, we have organized Student Association. It is a network comprised of 13 high school that reside in domestic World Heritage cities. More than 13 schools from 8 different cities, including Andong, Gochang, Gongju, Gyeongju, Hwasun, Iksan, Jongno and Suwon participate as the members of the Student Association, and perform as a circle in communal activities to protect World Heritage Sites and the local cultures within the World Heritage Cities. Through these activities, teens are encouraged to learn of their roles and the building blocks of the local community.

The main activities recently performed by the Student Association include the Organization of the World Heritage Cities- Youth Summit held last May, and the Second HAND IN HAND CAMP held in July.

At the summit, the president and the vice president from each club learned again about the Student Association, and participated in "World Heritage We Choose", which was an activity to determine local heritage. Each school was asked to select one heritage site from their city and present it to the fellow students from

other World Heritage Cities. Finally, the students voted for one heritage site, and the site with the most votes was enlisted on "World Heritage We Choose". Through these activities, teenagers were given opportunities to understand the process by which world heritage sites are registered, as well as to gain interest in not only world heritage, but also local heritage.

Second, the HAND IN HAND CAMP was conducted as an extension of the summit. At the camp, all club members, around 200 members of the Student Association, gathered in Gyeongju and introduced the club they belong to and their world heritage, along with visits to world heritage sites in Gyeongju. In addition, members also had a chance to draw a hanging picture depicting world heritage in Asia-Pacific.

By extending from merely being involved in individual club activities to participating in whole activities such as Camp, student members of the Student Association, are expected to learn about world heritage in each respective city and the necessity of cooperation in order to preserve them.

With young spirit, we try to produce youthful and lively images for the Historic Cities, to raise awareness. In addition, youth and teens contribute in forming a youth network to encourage participation from the local communities within World Heritage Cities, a goal that World Heritage Cities are geared towards. Furthermore, one of the cornerstones of this structure is the Triangle Network which consists of local governments, universities, and the local high schools.

The second project we are implementing is the Communication Committee of World Heritage Cities, which has now been active for six terms. The Communication Committee is a team comprised of college students who plan and produce general content in the Organization of the World Heritage Cities in the Asia-Pacific office. Founded in the second half of 2014, each team consists of around 8 members and two teams are formed each year- one in the first half, the other in the second half. The Communication Committee's roles are as follows:

First and foremost, they, with a young spirit, produce youthful and lively images for the Organization of the World Heritage Cities, to raise awareness. In addition, members contribute in forming a youth network to encourage participation from local communities within the World Heritage Cities, a goal that the World Heritage Cities are geared towards.

Recently, along with increase in expectations concerning the youth's role in preserving and utilizing the world heritage, there has been an increase in the various activities regarding world heritage that are proceeding domestically and overseas. The primary purpose of many youth heritage-related activities is to develop awareness-raising activities. The Communication Committee likewise participates in awareness-raising activities and in the production of the World Heritage Cities-related web contents.



HAND IN HAND CAMP

Firstly, regular monthly meetings are fundamental to the Communication Committee's activities. In meetings, members plan projects and contents, visit and learn at the heart of world heritage sites, and raise their level of understanding about world heritage policies by meeting with the domestic world heritage experts.

Next are the activities performed in conjunction with the OWHC-AP Student Association. The Communication Members have participated as judges and operating personnel at the Youth Summit held in May and at the HAND IN HAND CAMP organized by the Student Association in July. Through such activities, the members learn about world heritage along with other youth, share their opinion with one another, and form a link between youth and teens within World Heritage Cities.

Lastly, Communication Committee members gain an opportunity to participate as operating personnel in international events, like the ones held in Gyeongju. The first term members participated as operating personnel in the First Asia & Pacific Regional Conference for World Heritage Cities. Taking such opportunities, youth can take a part in international conference, by which they can gain valuable experience towards working in the world heritage field in future.

The Communication Committee, now has continued for more than five terms, and members are showing progress term by term. The Communication Committee

plans to advance even further with the following three goals. Firstly, by diversifying the production of web contents which are currently uploaded onto three platforms, members also plan to raise the degree of recognition of World Heritage Cities and Organization of the World Heritage Cities. In addition, by expanding the current activities performed in conjunction with the Youth Association, members will tighten their bond with the linked Triangle Network of Asia-Pacific Office. Lastly, by forming the Communication Committee with membership cities at Asia Pacific regions, they aims to forming a global youth network.

Teens and youth hold infinite potential to make sustainable growth in the World Heritage Cities. We believe it is the Student Association and the Communication Committee's roles to help youth find their positions as members of the local communities. With the inspiration that the youths and the youths only can give, us Asia-Pacific Office in the Organization of the World Heritage Cities will continue our support of the activities to inform the value and importance of World Heritage Cities in the Asia-Pacific region, and believe these activities offer a great value to the World Heritage Cities in Asia-Pacific region in the future.

(OWHC-Asia and the Pacific Regional Secretariat in Gyeongju, Republic of South Korea)



2nd OWHC Asia-Pacific Strategic Meeting for World Heritage Cities

New Member City

Introduction of Taichung City (Chinese Taipei)



Taichung City Hall

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that Taichung City has become a new member of the League of Historical Cities. Taichung features pleasant weather, friendly citizens, as well as an abundance of charming historical places and cultures. Everyone is welcome to pay a visit to experience the magnificence of this piece of land.

Taichung City is located in central Taiwan, with an area of approximately 2,215 km², and a population of about 2.76 million people. It features abundant and magnificent natural landscapes including mountain ranges, plateaus, rivers and coastal plains, thereby creating unique cultural event sceneries, which have been rapidly developed since the 18th century, making it a transportation hub and key industrial city for central Taiwan while maintaining many valuable historical cultural assets.

Taichung City devotes itself to the conservation and revitalization of precious cultural assets, endowing historic sites and historical buildings with new lives,

all of which are worthy to be visited. The Lin Family Garden located in Wufeng used to belong to one of the five biggest families in Taiwan, as well as a traditional Taiwanese style mansion, and the “Hall of Large Flowers” is the sole Fuzhou style stage building, and is truly classic. Taichung Prefecture Hall, Taichung City Hall and Taichung Budokan Martial Arts Hall are representatives of public buildings from the Japanese Ruling Period, which have all transformed into famous scenic spots for holding various types of art and cultural events after being renovated, revitalized and reutilized by the city government.

Taichung Train Station and Taiping Tobacco Trading Building are industrial facilities, documenting the traces of industry development in the central region of Taiwan. Guang Fu New Village in Wufeng resulted from the experimental urban planning after World War II. The city government plans for creative young artists to stay in it, and to transform it into a newly developing art site filled with vitality. Taichung’s Dajia Matsu Holy Pilgrimage event is one of the world’s famous religious grand events,



Taichung Literature Museum

where 12 century-old Matsu temples are preserved intact, with related activities, as well as temple celebrations being developed into a bustling and unique popularized culture.

During the recent years, Taichung City has further excavated archaeological sites from several thousand years ago, including Niumatou Ruins and Anhe Ruins, etc., pushing the timeline of the city back significantly to the prehistoric age, which also introduced everlasting historical sentiments to Taichung City's contemporary

creativity and energy, which is worthy to be admired over and over again.

Moreover, there are abundant and diversified tourist attractions in Taichung, such as Houli Horse Farm, Fushoushan Farm, Taichung Harbor, Wuci Fishery Harbor, Dongfeng Green Passage, Dongshih Forest Garden, Lihpao Land, Wuling Farm, Dasyueshan National Forest Recreational Area and Kukuan Hot Spring and more, which are all worthy of paying a visit to. We sincerely invite you to visit our charming city of Taichung.



PavilionsZhaixing Villa



Taichung Park Lake Twin

New Member City

Greeting from the Mayor of Wuxi (China)



Greetings from Wuxi, China.

Wuxi is honored to be a member of the League of Historical Cities. Known as the Shining Pearl on the Taihu Lake, Wuxi is located in the most prosperous Yangtze River Delta Region in China, 128 kilometers away from Shanghai. With an area of 4,627 km² and a population of 6.5 million, Wuxi is one of China's Top Ten economically dynamic cities and has been on Forbes' list of Best Commercial Cities in Mainland China for seven consecutive years.

With a written history of more than 3000 years, and as the birthplace of ancient Wu Culture, Wuxi is also a renowned historical and cultural city in China, boasting of 376 historical sites under state and provincial protection.

The League of Historical Cities provides an excellent platform for exchanges on cultural heritage protection. We look forward to promoting the friendly cooperation between Wuxi and other members of the League.

Wang Quan
Mayor of Wuxi Municipal People's Government



Nightscape of ancient canal



Snowscape of ancient canal



Lihu Lake and Liyuan Garden