



ADVANCED COURSE ON CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION TECHNIQUES OF TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION - 2017

Application Deadline: May 20th, 2017

Duration: July 18-29, 2017 (Tentative)

Place: Suzhou, P.R.China

Organizers:

The course is organized by:

- World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP)
- Oriental Cultural Heritage Sites Protection Alliance / Alliance de Protection du Patrimoine Cultural Asiatique (OCHSPA / APPCA for abbreviation)
- Key Laboratory of Urban & Architectural Heritage Conservation (Southeast University), Ministry of Education, China (KLUAHC)
- Key Scientific Research Base of Technique of Traditional Wooden Architecture (Southeast University), State Administration for Cultural Heritage, China

In collaboration with:

- Traditional Architecture Conservation Union of World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and Pacific Region (TACU-WHITRAP)
- Gold Mantis School of Architecture and Urban Environment, Soochow University
- Suzhou World Heritage and Traditional Architecture Conservation Institute (SACI)

Background

WHITRAP together with the OCHSPA / APPCA for abbreviation, KLUAHC and Key Scientific Research Base of Technique of Traditional Wooden Architecture (Southeast University) are pleased to announce that the Advanced Course on Conservation and Restoration Techniques of Traditional Architecture in the Asia-Pacific Region 2017 will be held from July 18th to July 29th, 2017.

WHITRAP has been organizing a series of training courses since 2008, with the cooperation of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU Nara), the International Understanding Education Center, the Raymond Lemaire International Center for Conservation of

University of Leuven, the Shanghai Tongji University and other international organizations and research institutions.

The course aims at establishing an academic platform where experts can share their professional knowledge in conservation and restoration of historic buildings, providing an overview of the various aspects of conservation and restoration of historic buildings in the Asian-Pacific Region.

In the forthcoming edition of the course, the main topic is "*Construction Technique & Art of Suzhou Classical Gardens*":

- The history and evolution of Suzhou Classical Gardens;
- Standard, principles and norms of conservation and restoration of wooden historical buildings in Suzhou Classical Gardens
- Construction Technique & Art of plants in Suzhou Classical Gardens
- Construction Technique & Art of mountains and waters in Suzhou Classical Gardens
- Case studies of conservation and restoration of Suzhou Classical Gardens - 'The Chais Garden' & 'The Passable Garden'
- Field Study in Suzhou Classical Gardens.

Objectives

To help participants:

- Understand principles for conservation and restoration of historical buildings in Suzhou Gardens;
- Acquire a knowledge of standards, principles and methods for the conservation and restoration of wooden historical buildings in Suzhou Classical Gardens;
- Enhance understanding, mastery and use of current principles and practices in conservation and restoration of historical buildings in terms of practical operation
- Understanding the construction Technique & Art, materials and restoration methods of Plant Cultivation, Rockery Building and Water Streamlining in Suzhou Classical Gardens;
- Have a better understanding of critical processes in conservation of Suzhou Classical Gardens and promote their application to macro/micro scaled fields;
- Promote the exchange of experience and information among participants and institutions.

Methodology

Training will be based on various methodologies including lectures, case studies, site visits, model practices, group work and course discussion. During the course, participants will be instructed to share their own knowledge and experiences, to participate in case studies and group discussions to better grasp the knowledge.

Application Requirements

The international course is designed for a maximum of 25 participants from the Asia-Pacific region.

Priority is given to:

- Professionals directly involved in management and conservation of World Heritage Sites;
- Researchers and technicians from institutes involved in the conservation and restoration of historic architecture;
- Professional staff from companies involved in the conservation and restoration of historic architecture.

Participants need to be proficient in English reading, speaking, listening and writing.

Teaching Team

Members of the faculty include experts and professors from School of Architectural of Southeast University, College of Architecture and Urban Planning of Tongji University, WHITRAP, UNESCO and other well-known heritage conservation institutions. All experts have both academic and practical experience to introduce broad international perspectives, classic cases and up-to-date expertise and information.

Language

English is the working language of the course. Candidates need to have strong communication and writing skills in English.

Certificate of Attendance

A certificate of attendance authorized by organizers will be awarded to participants who successfully complete the course. Participants are expected to attend all lectures, site visits and reporting during the course.

Relevant fee

WHITRAP will cover relevant costs for all candidates during the course, including tuition fees (plus site visits), teaching materials, insurance and transportation fees. The candidates should pay other expenses, including accommodations and meals during the course, and airfare (round-trip ticket to Suzhou, CHINA) by themselves.

Application

Please fill the **Application Form** and send it together with all the soft copies listed below by mail to the contact address below before **May 20th 2017** (handwriting signature and photograph are required in the soft copy):

- the application form;
- a full professional curriculum vitae (in English);
- a copy of valid passport and other materials required for the visa;
- a copy of the highest academic certificate of the applicant;

- a recommendation letter from the applicant's organization (with company chop/official signature).

WHITRAP reserves the rights for all application documents and presentations from participants.

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Application deadline

Applications should be available at WHITRAP Suzhou by **May 20th 2017** to meet our pre-evaluation schedule. The Admission feedback after pre-evaluation will be released to the applicants.