



In-heritance

for the Future of Our Cities

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we present the second issue of the Indian Heritage Cities Network’s newsletter, ‘In – heritance’. Through this newsletter, our aim is to provide a platform for sharing experience and technical expertise for the sustainable socio-economic and cultural development of India’s historic cities and towns by exchanging information, presenting best practices, highlighting events, and addressing the challenges faced towards the preservation, management and sustainable use of urban heritage. ‘In-heritance’ reflects the activities and efforts of the Indian Heritage Cities Network, those of its secretariat and of its members and partners to help generate awareness regarding the heritage-based sustainable urban development initiatives undertaken by urban authorities, institutions, NGOs and individuals.

We thank all our members, technical partners, consultants and friends for their valuable contributions and continuing support to the IHCN which made it possible for us to put together the second issue of the Newsletter. The second issue of ‘In – heritance’ brings to you news from the secretariat, examines the expert missions undertaken, reviews the key events, particularly the Second Biennial Conference of the IHCN held at Hyderabad (18 – 20 December 08), the International Symposium on Protecting World Cultural Heritage Sites and Their Historic Urban Environment from Earthquakes, held at Katmandu (16 – 19 February 09) and the expert workshop on ‘Communities Livelihood and Tourism’ Coorg, Karnataka (14 – 18 April 09). It further highlights the numerous activities undertaken by our partners, members, urban authorities and individuals committed towards ensuing heritage - based sustainable urban development in India.

Ms Minja Yang, after completing a tenure of three and a half years as Director of UNESCO New Delhi and UNESCO Representative to Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka, has taken retirement. We sincerely thank Ms Yang for initiating a number of promising programmes and activities in India, including the Indian Heritage Cities Network, and look forward to her continued support to the Network in her personal capacity. We extend a warm welcome to Dr Warren L Mellor, interim Director, and Mr Armoogum Parsuramen who has already been named Director of UNESCO New Delhi office from October 2009. With their support, we shall continue building a vibrant Network with new members, more programmes and activities.

We also take this opportunity to inform you about the formation of the Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation (IHCN-F). The Foundation, registered on 27 March 2009 as a public charitable Trust, is currently developing its capacities and raising funds to eventually support, as an Indian organization, the heritage-based development of Indian cities. It shall closely collaborate with the UNESCO-IHCN programme.

In-heritance is a newsletter *by* and *for* our members and available to anyone interested in the subject. IHCN looks forward to your comments and future contributions to make this newsletter a celebration of our joint endeavour.

Indian Heritage Cities Network (IHCN) Team

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News from the Secretariat

Additional Project Manager for the Secretariat

We are currently recruiting an additional project manager to support the team of our small Secretariat currently comprising Ms Shalini Mahajan, Project Manager; Ms Shivaa Rawat, Research Associate and Ms Nicole Bolomey, Programme Specialist Culture. We hope that through this additional post we will be in a better position to develop with our members and our many competent partners, more programmes for capacity building, technical advice and the sharing of good practice.

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Departure from UNESCO NDL office

After a tenure of three and a half years as Director of UNESCO New Delhi Office and UNESCO Representative to Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka, Ms Minja Yang has taken early retirement. Ms Yang has been serving with the UN for 29 years. After ten years in the UNHCR dealing with humanitarian assistance, Ms Yang was transferred

to UNESCO in 1989 to work at the Office of the Director-General of UNESCO, Dr Federico Mayor, in UN interagency programmes such as in Afghanistan and Cambodia. Her work on culture and development continued at the World Heritage Centre from 1993 as Head of the Asia - Pacific region and then from 2000 as Deputy-Director and Coordinator for Cultural Properties. Throughout her ten years at the World Heritage Centre, she also coordinated the World Heritage Cities Programme, where "conservation becomes part of the urban development strategy". Having already worked in India prior to her appointment as Director of the New Delhi Office, and being a great admirer of Indian culture, Ms Yang initiated many programmes for India, such as the Indian Heritage Passport Programme (for heritage-based regional planning for tourism and local development), the Cultural Atlas of India (an e-based participatory approach to develop inventories of tangible and intangible heritage, as well as certain aspects of cultural industries), and last but not least, the Indian Heritage Cities Network. We thank Ms Yang for her outstanding contribution and wish her all the best for the future. Ms Yang will continue to contribute actively to the IHCN and IHCN Foundation, fostering international collaboration and leveraging support for our activities.

Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation

On 27 March 2009, the Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation (IHCN-F) was established as a Public Charitable Trust under Indian law. The founding trustees were Prof. Chetan Vaidya (Director, NIUA); Dr Kulwant Singh (President, CITI Foundation and former Director, AMDA); Dr Shikha

Jain (Director, DRONAH); Prof. K T Ravindran (President, Institute of Urban Designers); Mr Saleem Beg (Convenor, INTACH J&K Chapter); Mr Anil K. Thakur (Chartered Accountant, Thakur Vaidyanath Aiyar & Co) and Mr Rajen Varada (Moderator and Resource Person, UN Solution Exchange, ICTD, UNDP). Ms Minja Yang (former Director and UNESCO Representative), will be serving as the interim chairperson of the Foundation.

Drawing inspiration from the UNESCO-led Indian Heritage Cities Network (IHCN) programme, the Foundation has been established as an Indian institution to foster and support heritage-based development. UNESCO and the Foundation are currently developing a framework for collaboration and mutual support to assure that we join our forces in the best possible way for our member cities to benefit from this partnership.

During the months to come, the Board of Trustees shall meet and grow to a maximum of 20 members. An Advisory Committee shall also be formed to support the Foundation and the work for UNESCO – IHCN. The Foundation will further work intensively to raise a corpus fund and shape its structure and operational framework.

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JNNURM – IHCN Joint Project

UNESCO - IHCN is working with the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India through a joint project 'Moving towards Heritage – based Urban Development', to mainstream the concern for heritage protection, conservation and the sustainable use of cultural resources in the Jawaharlal Nehru National



Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation Signing Event

Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

IHCN has revised and submitted the latest 'Draft Toolkit for the Preparation of a City Development Plan (CDP) to the JNNURM Directorate in April 2009. IHCN is now moving towards the second stage of the project, which involves the revision of CDPs of the four mission cities (Varanasi, Madurai, Mysore and Srinagar) and the preparation of the Heritage toolkit for the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

New Members

We are happy to welcome several new members. The latest cities to join are Madurai on 4 February 2009 and Mysore on 23 February 2009, while Hyderabad and Pondicherry had already signed up at the Hyderabad Conference in December 2008. The following important institutions have also joined the IHCN, these are: Nalsar University of Law; Osmania University (Department of Civil Engineering, University College of Engineering and

Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies) and the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Hyderabad.

Condolences

We are very sorry to hear of the sudden demise of Mr D J Dhinakaran, Municipal Commissioner of Madurai and offer our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. Having embraced the concept of the IHCN with such enthusiasm, he will be very much missed by the members. Mr Dhinakaran, in his proactive and uncomplicated way, led Madurai into the IHCN on the very day he was introduced to our activities. After an in-depth discussion, within hours he had signed the MoA and prepared the fee contribution. We laud the late Mr Dhinakaran's interest in and commitment to the heritage of Madurai and invite his successor to continue the valuable interaction we had just begun in February 2009.



Signing event for Mysore: Municipal Commissioner, Mr Raykar; DC Mysore- Mr P. Manivannan and Ms Yang, former Director UNESCO



Signing event for Madurai: Representatives of ULB; Ms Bolomey, UNESCO and Late Mr Dhinakaran, Municipal Commissioner, Madurai

Expert Missions Undertaken

Madhya Pradesh Mission

IHCN member cities - Maheshwar, Burhanpur and Bhopal, in January 2009 received a UNESCO Mission composed of Ms Minja Yang, then Director and UNESCO Representative; Mr Yves Dauge, Senator and Deputy-Mayor Chinon (France) and UNESCO expert; and Prof. Savita Raje, UNESCO consultant for Madhya Pradesh.

Discussions were held with the local municipal authorities to identify the key cultural and natural heritage assets of each city for heritage-based urban development and how to integrate the protection, conservation and enhancement of these assets into the overall city development strategy.

In Maheshwar (13 January 09), a meeting was held with the Panchayat Council, and its President, Mr Baksiram Yadav; the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Mr Chandramauli Shukla; Mr Richard Holkar (from the Holkar Royal Family, active in the conservation of Maheshwari culture), and the *Maheshwar Sanskruti Sahyog*. The following actions were agreed upon:

1. Completion of the cultural heritage inventory of Maheshwar using the format for tangible and intangible heritage database developed by UNESCO, the National Informatics Centre of India (NIC) and supported by the Ministry of Culture;
2. Obtaining an accurate map of the town and the surrounding region

to use as a base map for the master plan and the recording and documentation of heritage;

3. Identification and official designation of certain areas as 'heritage precinct' (urban conservation areas), for focused attention in conservation efforts;
4. Development of an urban development plan and building regulations, in which the Conservation plan and regulations specific to the heritage precinct will be included;
5. Carrying out one pilot project to demonstrate how heritage conservation efforts can contribute to local socio-economic development.



Madhya Pradesh Mission: Mr R Slater (DFID); Mr Y Dauge (Senator, France); Ms M Yang (former Director UNESCO); Mr S Sood (Mayor Bhopal); Mr Hussain (presenting a book about Bhopal) and Prof. S Raje (Living Heritage Alliance) at Bhopal

It was decided that UNESCO would send an expert mission to Maheshwar to initiate work on the heritage precinct and identify projects that could be considered for funding by the Government through the District Collector.

In **Burhanpur** (14 January 09), the Mission was received by its Mayor, Mr Atul Patel who had organized a major welcome event with posters and cultural events. The Collector of Burhanpur, Mrs Caroline Deshmukh also received the Mission. The visit to Khuni Bhandara, site of the unique underground water system in continuous use since the 17th century was the highlight of the mission.

The UNESCO experts expressed concern over the widening and upgrading of the concrete road with lamp posts installed on top of the fragile ancient underground water system, and the poor design and functionality of the recently built tourism centre. The tourism centre was deemed too close to the ancient water system with risk of contamination, and the architectural design with Roman columns which have no historic connection with the cultural tradition of Burhanpur was also mentioned as examples of projects with “good intentions” but bad for conservation and heritage enhancement. The experts felt the site required a separate project for the protection of the precious ancient systems and a feasibility study

on the tourism potential. They pointed out that the fragility of the ancient structures was not adapted to general tourism and should be developed if any, only for school fieldtrips as part of science education.

UNESCO and the Burhanpur authorities have agreed that the first step would be for Burhanpur to obtain an accurate base map of the city and send this to UNESCO together with a copy of the existing City Master Plan. Upon studying these documents, UNESCO will arrange for a technical mission to spend time, to make ground surveys in Burhanpur to prepare a draft strategy to discuss with the municipal and State authorities.

In **Bhopal** (24 January 09), the mission was joined by Ms Nicole Bolomey, Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO.

The mission was received by the Mayor of Bhopal, Mr Sunil Sood and the City Engineer who shared about the activities undertaken by the IHCN member city Bhopal. The heritage walk organised by the Living Heritage Alliance with the support of the Indira Gandhi National Museum of Mankind, helped the experts understand the challenges faced in the conservation of the historic city core.

Later, discussions were held with the Commissioner for Archaeology, Mrs Smita Gate; Director of Indira

Gandhi National Museum of Mankind, Mr Vikas Bhatt; DFID, Dr Richard Slater and the local NGOs, INTACH Bhopal Chapter and Living Heritage Alliance.

The mission was able to learn about the challenges of the city as well as the opportunities of and threats on its heritage thanks to the excellent work done by INTACH Bhopal Chapter and by the Living Heritage Alliance. UNESCO and DFID agreed to work in close cooperation to ensure that their respective activities will reinforce the mutual goal to build the capacities of the Bhopal Municipal authorities in cultural heritage management as part of the larger aim of strengthening local governance under responsible decentralization.

Maheswar Mission

An expert mission was undertaken to Maheswar by Mr Pierre Guilbaud (Architect & Director of Urbanism, Auxerre, France), Prof. Nitin Raje (Architect, Living Heritage Alliance) and Prof. Savita Raje, (President, Living Heritage Alliance and UNESCO Expert) from 21 to 25 March 2009. The mission was organized by UNESCO New Delhi Office to follow up on the earlier expert missions to Maheswar. The mission aimed at establishing the scope of a 3- year decentralized cooperation programme between Maheswar and Auxerre under the aegis of the Indian Heritage Cities Network and UNESCO.

Mr Pierre Guilbaud made a presentation on the heritage based development strategies and procedures used successfully in Auxerre city under his direction. Prof. Savita Raje presented on the ways in which Maheswar city could benefit from the Auxerre or the French experience, wherein heritage had become an enduring asset for the city and enhanced its unique identity. The participants showed a keen interest

in the Auxerre - France operational model and look forward to developing a partnership between the two cities.

The Mission experts have outlined several projects to be included in the Maheswar Development Plan, with respect to the integration of heritage. These include retaining the particular streetscape of the historic city; reviving and restoring the unused, underutilized and mismanaged buildings and urban spaces of heritage value and converting them into valuable assets for the town. The experts will also give recommendations for applicable initiatives, building regulations and byelaws in order to effectively conserve the unique urban identity of the historic city, its water front architecture and culture.

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Udaipur Mission

An expert mission was undertaken to Udaipur (20 – 26 March 09), by Dr Shikha Jain (Director, DRONAH) and Mr Andre Vaxelaire, urban planner representing the City of Nancy, France. The mission aimed at establishing the scope of a 3 year decentralized cooperation programme between Udaipur and Nancy under the aegis of the Indian Heritage Cities Network and UNESCO.

Mr Andre Vaxelaire visited several sites in Udaipur from 21 to 24 March. Heritage Conservation projects undertaken by the city were explained to him by Mr Arvind Mathur, Conservation Engineer with the Department of Housing, Udaipur and INTACH Udaipur who is engaged with several ongoing conservation works at Udaipur.

Mr Andre Vaxelaire had various observations on the city, its topography, historic fabric and so forth, that he expressed in a workshop on the conservation practice guidelines for cultural

heritage sites in Udaipur hosted and organized by the Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation in association with the INTACH Udaipur Chapter, the State Institute of Heritage Conservation, Rajasthan and UNESCO New Delhi. He enumerated the following points about the city:

- The need to improve the traffic situation. He pointed out that traffic congestion is detrimental to the heritage of the city. He called for regulations to control the traffic scenario and proposed that only bicycles, cycle rickshaws and electric vehicles should be allowed to enter the heritage zone.
- The need to safeguard the lake side landscape.
- Conservation efforts would not be fruitful without the support, cooperation and involvement of the population. Mr Vaxelaire interacted with locals and visited several houses within the old city to gain a better understanding of their cultural associations.
- In his final assessment, he pointed out that the city's monuments and historic sites were in a fairly good condition.

He then gave a presentation of 'Heritage Initiatives in French Cities' which was greatly appreciated by the participants of the workshop (including local NGO's and technical experts) and lead to fruitful discussions on the possibilities of similar initiatives for the city of Udaipur.

Mr Vaxelaire also expressed that the College of Architecture, Nancy would be interested in supporting the inventory of Udaipur City through provision of summer programmes whereby the students of Architecture could visit Udaipur for 5 - 6 weeks and prepare sketches of the characteristic urban form of the city.

Hampi Mission

A mission was undertaken to Hampi (1-7 March 09) by Mr Paul

Trouilliod, Conservation Architect and Town Planner from the French Ministry of Culture who has been an expert for Hampi for many years; Mr Gerard Gasselin, Urban planner consultant, Urbanistes du monde, Ms Tapan Mittal, Conservation Architect, Mumbai and Ms Minja Yang, then Director and UNESCO Representative. The primary aim of the mission was the review and implementation of the Master Plan for the Hampi World Heritage Site (WHS). Focusing on the settlements within the core zone of the WHS, the mission set up the process of evaluation of the proposed extension areas to encompass the historic villages of Anegundi and Kamalapura.

The location, extent and nature of the extension schemes were discussed in detail and certain guidelines were formulated to determine these extension zones. Simultaneously, the Heritage Conservation and Development Regulations were looked at in detail, taking the existing settlement of Anegundi as the first case. These regulations and guidelines are in the process of finalization through consultation with Mr Paul Trouilliod and Ms Tapan Mittal. In addition, a brief terms of reference for the proposed Interpretation Centre for the World Heritage Site was articulated with reference to the existing settlement of Kamlapura and the new extensions to the village.

Mysore Mission

An expert mission was undertaken (22 – 28 February 09) to Mysore and the Hassan District and concluded with a state level workshop in Bangalore on the linkages between urban development and urban heritage conservation. The mission which was connected to the above mentioned Hampi Mission, consisted of Mr Paul Trouilliod, Conservation Architect and Town Planner from the French Ministry of Culture; Mr Gerard Gasselin urban planner consultant, Urbanistes du

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Monde; Ms Minja Yang, then Director and UNESCO Representative and Ms Nicole Bolomey, Programme Specialist Culture, UNESCO. The mission was received and welcomed by the Municipal Commissioner of Mysore, Mr Raykar; the DC Mysore, Mr P Manivannan, as well as by the DC Hassan, Mr Naveenraj Singh, all of whom are sensitive to and proactive in heritage issues. The mission also met with Secretary Culture, the Commissioner Heritage, Government of Karnataka and other relevant officers.

In Mysore, two important meetings were held to discuss the overall framework of heritage protection and urban development in Mysore, including the CDP, the Master Plan and heritage DPRs. The experts advised the inclusion of important projects such as the restoration of the iconic Devraj Market, the square and the adjacent public and private buildings. They also advised that changes be made to the traffic flow in the inner city. The mission lauded the great quality of heritage in Mysore and the fact that most of the gardens, tree-lined

streets and public and private buildings are still intact. It recommended the drafting of heritage zones and regulations as soon as possible to prevent any further degradation. The setting up of a Heritage Cell and a supporting Heritage Committee, at City and District level was also discussed, as was the need for specialization in garden conservation and lime plastering to preserve the unique character of Mysore.

In Hassan, the mission looked at the ongoing planning efforts by the State Government for Belur and Halibedu under the guidance of Professor Jyoti Hosagraha. It commended the efforts made to preserve the vernacular heritage and develop sustainable, heritage based tourism.

The final workshop held in Bangalore on 28 February 09 chaired by Mr B R Jayaramaraje Urs, Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Culture and Information Department and attended by numerous officers of the

departments of Urban Development, Culture and Tourism proved to be a successful and constructive event for capacity building in heritage-based development.



Mysore Mission

Present Our Partners - NIUA

The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) is a leading institute for research, capacity building and information dissemination in the urban development and management sectors. Established in 1976, as an autonomous body under the Societies Registration Act, the Institute enjoys the support and commitment of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoH&UPA) and the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Government of India and also State Governments, Urban and Regional Development Authorities and other agencies concerned with urban issues in India. Over the last

31 years, NIUA has distinguished itself through its involvement at the national, state and local levels in urban policy development aimed at the poor, municipal finance and financial management reforms, decentralization and governance, and inclusive service delivery.

The Institute has extensive experience of managing large projects and programmes both in the urban sector and otherwise. It has completed a wide variety of research and evaluation, and consultancy assignments for the Ministries of the Central Government, National Planning Commission, State

Governments, Development Corporations and Municipal Bodies. Projects have also been undertaken with support from a number of international organizations.

The Institute has four main publications: Urban Finance, Urban News, PEARL Update and Urban India. NIUA has its own website and can be reached at www.niua.org, www.indiaurbanportal.in.

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Review of Events

Second Biennial Conference, Hyderabad

The Second Biennial Conference of the Indian Heritage Cities Network (IHCN) held in Hyderabad, from 18 to 20 December 2008 was jointly organized by UNESCO and the Government of Andhra Pradesh with the support of the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation, the Department of Archaeology and Museums, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority and the National Institute for Tourism and Hospitality Management.

The inaugural event was graced by the Honourable Minister for Urban Development, Shri S Jaipal Reddy, and Government of India, who has supported the IHCN since its conception in 2006.

The conference was attended by 120 participants including representatives of 21 Indian heritage cities and regions: Ahmedabad, Burhanpur, Kochi, Chandigarh, Chettinad, Goa, Gwalior, Hyderabad, Indore, Jabalpur, Jodhpur, Kolkatta, Kurukshetra, Leh, Madurai, Maheswar, Mysore, Puducherry, Srinagar, Udaipur and Varanasi with many mayors, commissioners, chief architects and engineers contributing actively to the sessions. The State Governments of Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and the Union Territory of Puducherry were represented by their Secretaries of Culture and Housing respectively, while Karnataka was represented by the Managing Director of the Karnataka Urban and Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation and Jammu & Kashmir by the Deputy Commissioner of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.

Valuable contributions were made by our partner institutions, CEPT University, NIUA, AILSG and a number of highly qualified NGOs, such as INTACH, DRONAH, Living Heritage Alliance and ArcHe-S. We are also grateful for the interesting inputs provided by important organizations, such as ASI, IDFC, HUDCO, the Institute of Urban Designers, INTBAU, ICLEI, NALSAR University, Osmania University, the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, the Agence Francaise du Developement, the French 'Association des Villes d'Art et d'Histoire' (ANVPAH), and the London Development Agency.

In addition to the presentations by member cities and the above institutions, a session was held to prepare inputs for the future IHCN programme. Participants were divided into seven groups and discussed various topics linked to heritage-based urban development.

The groups highlighted the variety of challenges faced by the member cities which included a lack of awareness, technical knowledge and expertise; resources (financial and human); funding; legislation and the political will to promote conservation projects. These also included the resistance to change of the multiple agencies, as well as their lack of co-ordination. The socio-economic factors that hindered the development of inner cities was also stressed. Another challenge that was brought out was the lack of an accepted definition of heritage in India and an uncertain ownership of cultural resources in the city.

The participants expressed their strong conviction that the existing framework of support and technical assistance available in India, was too limited and that the IHCN has an

important role to play in the future of the historic cities of India.

The IHCN will incorporate these findings in the planning of its future programme and activities.

Integrating Heritage into Urban Planning Initiatives in India

One full day of the Hyderabad Conference focused on the objective of mainstreaming heritage protection and conservation into all aspects of urban development, namely the planning and building process.

A key presentation showcased how the master plan of the Hampi World Heritage Site was developed while integrating the aspects of heritage protection. Two presentations on Cochin further elaborated that a thorough planning



Inauguration of the conference by Hon'ble Minister Shri Jaipal Reddy



Conference Discussion

approach was required for heritage-based urban development and emphasized the importance of a heritage development plan, including both local and regional aspects.

Several presentations provided a basis for discussions on the integration of heritage issues into administration through heritage listing, a legislative framework for heritage protection and Government of India programmes for cities, such as the JNNURM.

The days were concluded by a presentation highlighting the strength of public private partnership in heritage conservation projects and the potential economic benefits of heritage preservation.

More information on the Hyderabad Conference can be found on www.unesco.org/newdelhi or www.ihcn.in

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International Symposium on Protecting World Cultural Heritage Sites and Their Historic Urban Environment from Earthquakes, Katmandu

The Kathmandu Symposium on "Protecting World Cultural Heritage Sites and their Historic Urban Environment from Earthquakes" was organized from 16 to 19 February 2009 by the Research Centre for Disaster Mitigation of Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan in cooperation with UNESCO Kathmandu Office and the Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal and with the support of the Embassy of Japan.

The symposium addressed various challenges for reducing the vulnerability of World Cultural Heritage Sites and their surrounding historic urban environment, to earthquakes, especially in the context of developing countries such as Nepal.

Dr Rohit Jigyasu was the scientific coordinator for the Symposium, in his capacity as the invited Professor at the Research Centre for Disaster Mitigation of Urban Cultural Heritage at Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto. Along with Mr Kai Weise from Nepal, Dr Jigyasu prepared the symposium agenda and presented an overview of the background and programme during the inaugural session.

The four day symposium was attended by renowned national and international experts in the field of structural engineering and heritage conservation from more than ten countries, including China, India, Japan, Bhutan, Canada and Australia. The symposium was inaugurated by Mr Tatsuo Mizuno, His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan to Nepal.

Ms Nicole Bolomey, UNESCO Programme Specialist Culture, highlighted the work undertaken by UNESCO New Delhi office for protecting the vernacular heritage of Kashmir from Earthquakes. Prof. C.V.R. Murty from the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad spoke about the need for research, analysing the seismic behaviour of heritage structures and formulating appropriate retrofitting techniques. Prof. T.K. Datta, Professor Emeritus from Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi touched upon the issue of reliability when analysing the seismic behaviours of historic structures. The Indian participants shared their professional experience and contributed significantly by putting forward issues of disaster risk management in the context of the cultural heritage of South Asia.

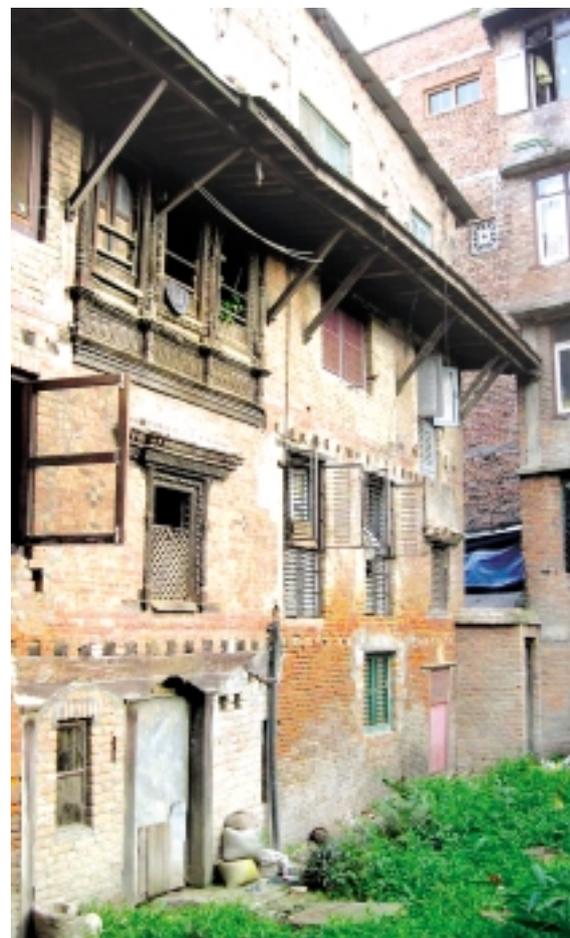
The symposium addressed the critical challenges of the need for research, principles and approaches, policies and legislation, process / methodology and the implementation mechanism in

protecting the World Cultural Heritage Sites and their Historic Urban Environment from Earthquakes.

At the concluding session, participants adopted the Kathmandu Recommendations for the protection of the World Cultural Heritage Sites located in historic urban environments.

The symposium also marked the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto and the Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu for cooperation in the area of disaster risk management of cultural heritage. Both the institutes will undertake joint research activities for structural analysis of historic buildings to develop sustainable retrofitting measures for earthquake safety.

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Transformation of Traditional Housing is making the Historic City of Patan vulnerable to Earthquakes

Expert Workshop on 'Communities, Livelihood and Tourism' Coorg, Karnataka

An international Expert Workshop on 'Communities, Livelihood and Tourism', organized by UNESCO and the Government of Karnataka, was held in Madikeri, Coorg District, from 14 to 18 April 2009. 30 national and international experts, representing UNESCO, UNWTO,

UN Foundation (WH Alliance), ICOMOS, IUCN, UNDP, the Nordic World Heritage Foundation, and the State Party of Australia, as well as public IDFC, Atree, Equations, several World Heritage Site managers, and private promoters, gathered to discuss the World Heritage Sustainable Tourism Initiative. The workshop was a follow-up from two earlier expert workshops in France (6-9 March 2008) and Switzerland (28-30

October 2008) and shall be followed by the large scale conference in Magao, China to be held in October 2009.

The workshop concluded with a recommendation, addressed at the Government of India, and a roadmap for the international working group to integrate the concerns of sustainable tourism into the World Heritage Operational Guidelines.

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Education and Capacity Building

NIASA - CEPT Training Programme on Documentation of Heritage Buildings

IHCN and UNESCO have embarked on a collaboration with the Council of Architects (COA) and its academic unit, the National Institute of Advanced Studies in Architecture (NIASA). The aim is to train a faculty in architecture and planning in heritage related issues.

The first "train - the - trainer", a one week workshop was developed by the conservation department of

CEPT University and held from 12 to 16 January 2009. It focused on the documentation of architectural heritage and was divided into a theoretical and a practical part. Lectures included the topics of "The history of recording traditions—and documentation techniques" while the practical part consisted of the application of various techniques such as measured drawings on a site near Ahmedabad.

The 10 members of faculty trained at CEPT will go back to conduct pilot courses at their

respective universities before coming back for a second course. After completion of the second course, the trainers will be sent to the regions to train the faculty of all schools of Architecture in the documentation of architectural heritage. We are hopeful that this broad training effort will lay a valuable foundation for students and faculty to support the crucial documentation work in the cities of India. It may also improve the quality of work submitted for the annual Louis I Kahn Trophy.

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CEPT-NIASA UNESCO collaboration: Train - the - trainers course on architectural documentation at CEPT university

Activity Report

Heritage Conservation by MP USP

The Madhya Pradesh Urban Services for the Poor (MPUSP) programme is working with the Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) in fourteen cities to strengthen institutional capacity and deliver sustainable access to effective services for the urban poor. The programme aims to support the overall goal of sustainable poverty reduction and economic growth in Madhya Pradesh. MPUSP is a five-year (2006-11) programme assisted by the UK Department for International Development.

Heritage is a key historic, economic and environmental asset for many cities in Madhya Pradesh. Despite this fact there has been limited or no effective conservation and management of the living heritage by urban local bodies.

The Madhya Pradesh Urban Services for the Poor (MPUSP) programme has designed and

developed a number of initiatives that will assist both the state and urban local bodies to manage and conserve living heritage in a more effective and productive manner.

As part of this initiative, MPUSP is working closely with UNESCO and the Indian Heritage Cities Network (IHCN) to identify initiatives that will contribute to improved heritage management.

At state level, the MPUSP will facilitate the establishment of a state-level Heritage Committee with stakeholders from all key departments including Urban Development, Culture and Archaeology, Town and Country Planning and Tourism. This committee will be responsible for the preparation of heritage policy and legislation, listing, zoning, CDP and DPR integration in master planning and the preparation of model byelaws for ULBs. It will also help coordinate programmes and promote heritage awareness.

At the city level, MPUSP will support select urban local bodies to manage and promote heritage conservation through the implementation of heritage policy and model byelaws, the listing of living heritage properties and improved management of planning and building permits related to heritage zones and listed properties. MPUSP may also assist ULBs to establish heritage cells in each municipality to coordinate and promote heritage activity including, the establishment of model heritage houses and so on.

In order to facilitate these initiatives, MPUSP is in the process of formulating a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Department of Archaeology and INTACH Bhopal Chapter to provide staff and other resources to assist the state and ULBs to engage in more effective heritage management for urban citizens.

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Heritage Activities Undertaken by Cities

Ahmedabad

Conservation and restoration projects undertaken by the Ahmedabad Heritage Cell are mentioned below.

A detailed conservation plan for the 1.1 km long fort wall (15th century) from Khanpur to Shahpur is being prepared. Restoration of the collapsed or vulnerable portions of the city walls has already been undertaken.

About 120 Bird feeders have been identified and listed under heritage category. Seven chabutaras have been restored, including the

chabutaras at Gatrad ni Pol and Kharakuva ni Pol.

The Heritage Cell is facilitating the repair, restoration and conservation of the Traditional *Pol* Houses by providing technical assistance, tax benefits and financial subsidies etc. to encourage traditional house owners to conserve their properties in their authentic state or with minimum inference. Two prominent buildings in Khadia area were recently restored.

Ahmedabad Heritage Festival 2008
The 'Ahmedabad Heritage Festival'

was organized from 19 to 25 November 2008. Several programmes were conducted to create an awareness and interest among citizens towards the city's Heritage.

The festivities included : launch of a guided heritage night walk; a special heritage walk for hearing and speech impaired; house museum visits; a film festival on heritage sites; Baitha Garba: Gujarat's traditional song-dance form; Sufi festival of poems, dance & songs; kite making workshop; and a traditional food festival.

RESTORATION

AWARENESS

Signing of agreements with European cities

Two agreements were signed between the cities of Valladolid (Spain) and of Ahmedabad



Ahmedabad City Partnership with Valladolid

(India); and between the cities of Halle (Saale, Germany) and Ahmedabad (India). The agreement aims at promoting cooperation in the fields of heritage, science and business.

PARTNERSHIP

Heritage Seminar and 50 years of Town & Country Planning Dept, Cochin

A Heritage Seminar was organized by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Kerala (21 March 09), on the occasion of the conclusion of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the department at the historic Bastion Bungalow in Fort Kochi. The inaugural function was presided over by Mr Eapen Varughese, Chief Town Planner and Member Secretary of the Art and Heritage Commission. The key note address was delivered by Mr S M Vijayanand (Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala). He spoke about the responsibilities of the Town and Country Planning Department and offered suggestions for handling the challenges ahead.

In the first session of the Seminar, Mr Eugene N Pandala (Architect and Urban Designer) presented on the cross section of the cultural background of the historic settlement – Fort Kochi.

In the second session, Mr Shyam Chainani, (Honorary Secretary, Bombay Environment Group) made

a presentation on heritage legislation in India and the necessity for the same in Kerala. Prof. K T Ravindran (President, Institute of Urban Designers, New Delhi) presented on 'Fort Kochi and Mattancherry – the Road Ahead'.

An exhibition on the work and achievements of the Department of Town and Country Planning was also arranged at the venue. The seminar concluded with a visit to historic places dotting the Kochi water front.

HERITAGE SEMINAR

Leh

Leh Old Town: With the active support from the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council; the ACHI Association; Tibet Heritage Fund and Leh Old Town Initiative (LOTI), and generous funding from the World Monument Fund, a comprehensive heritage development plan has been initiated. The heritage development plan involves identification of heritage zones; organization of heritage walks around Old Leh; the development of the lanes and drains of Leh by introducing effective solutions.

Basgo Castle and Chamba Temple: The Basgo Welfare Committee largely constituted by volunteers of Basgo, launched a conservation programme with technical and financial support from abroad. Two temples and a large

number of stupas have been restored. The consolidation work on the castle was undertaken with the generous funding from the World Monument Fund, UNESCO, The Tibetan Classic Translators Guild of New York and local contributions. This grass roots conservation movement initiated by the Basgo Welfare Committee received the UNESCO Heritage Award of Excellence 2007 for the conservation of Basgo Maitreya Temples. The committee is engaged in the regular maintenance of the heritage of Basgo.

Alchi Chhoskor: The Alchi Chhoskor Temple built by the great translator Rinchen Zangpo in the 11th century is among the oldest temples in Ladakh. Situated about 65 kms from Leh, the Alchi temple has an exquisite collection of mural paintings which can be dated back many centuries. The site is being maintained by the Archeological Survey of India and aspires to become a world heritage site.

CONSERVATION

Pondicherry

Heritage Committee

A state level heritage conservation advisory committee has been constituted with the support of Sri Govind Singh Gurjar, the Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry. The committee comprises of experts from planning, conservation and other related academic disciplines;



Basgo castle & Maitreya temples



Vysial Street Award Function

government officials from the Town Planning, Tourism and Public Works Departments; and representatives from INTACH, the Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville.

The Heritage Committee will be involved in revising the listing of heritage buildings; framing of guidelines; enforcing building bye laws; framing zoning regulations; implementation of appropriate signage and landscaping in the heritage areas. It would also advise the government on issues of redevelopment and restoration of heritage precincts.

Vysial Street Award ceremony and exemption of property tax payment for heritage buildings on the street

The Lt. Governor of Pondicherry, G.S.Gurjar received the award certificate for the UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Award of Merit, 2008 for The Vysial Street restoration project (carried out by the Government of Puducherry and INTACH) from Ms Moe Chiba, UNESCO Programme Specialist Culture. After unveiling the plaque on 14 February 2009, the Chief Minister of Pondicherry, Mr V. Vaithilingam announced that heritage buildings on Vysial Street would be exempted from payment of property tax.

AWARD

Renovation and adaptive reuse of the Old Port Office and building in the Tamil Quarter

The building housing the Le Cafe restaurant, had been disfigured by a number of extensions in the 1990's. The Government with assistance received from INTACH has restored the building within a three month period.

A traditional house on Perumal Koil Street in the Tamil town has been restored and converted into a 10 room heritage hotel Maison Perumal by the CGH Earth again with assistance from INTACH.

CONSERVATION

Pondicherry's partnership with the French City of La Rochelle

An official delegation from the city of La Rochelle, France visited Pondicherry from the 2 to 6 March 2009. The exploratory visit was to prepare a project on decentralised co-operation between the two cities in collaboration with ANVPAH, UNESCO and INTACH, Pondicherry. The delegation consisted of Jean-Claude Rousseau, Deputy Director General of the Mairie of La Rochelle, Irène Daniel-Martinière co-ordinator for international projects and Marylise Ortiz, the Director of the French Heritage Cities Network.

The delegates met officials and

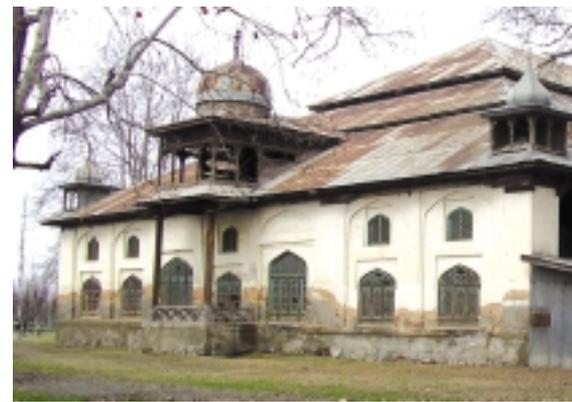
elected representatives of the Government of Pondicherry and there was a lot of interest from both sides to carry forward the initiative. In principle, both the Governments have agreed to the proposal and the final approval is awaited from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

PARTNERSHIP

Srinagar

Aalli Masjid Conservation

In collaboration with the Department of Tourism, INTACH J&K Chapter undertook a project to conserve the Aalli Masjid (March 2007). The Aalli Masjid is a 14th century wooden hypostyle mosque and is also the second largest mosque in Srinagar.



Aalli Masjid Southern Facade before conservation



Aalli Masjid Southern facade after conservation

Jama Masjid conservation and revitalisation plan

INTACH was also commissioned to prepare a Conservation & Revitalization Plan for the Jama Masjid Mosque and its surrounding area, the "Jamia Masjid heritage corridor". The proposal involves façade restoration of the streets and alleys in the immediate vicinity of the mosque.

Conservation and restoration – 17th century Mughal Hammam

Conservation and restoration work of the 17th century Mughal hammam is being undertaken by the Department of Tourism, which proposes to develop the site as a major tourist attraction.

Conservation of the Mughal Gardens

The conservation of the Mughal gardens of Nishat, Shalimar and Achabal has been undertaken by INTACH. As a part of the conservation process, excavations at Shalimar revealed significant portions of the flooring system of a 16th century Mughal hammam. Traces of octagonal tile flooring dating back to the Mughal era have also been excavated. The Department of floriculture which is caretaker of these historical "Gardens of Paradise" is implementing the project.

CONSERVATION

Heritage Based DPR : Ujjain

To enhance the historic essence of the ancient town of Ujjain, the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) Regional Chapter, Bhopal was appointed by Ujjain

Municipal Corporation (UMC) to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) under the Government of India, JNNURM Scheme.

The objective of the Integrated Development Plan is to look at the site holistically and to bring the heritage into the day-to-day life of the local people. The project aims to integrate conservation into the active planning processes of the governments and the local bodies in a way that addresses not just the fabric of its history but also issues of sustainability and environment. A regular method for the funding of heritage can come only when the heritage is seen in larger perspective of development and change.

The Integrated Development Plan of Mahakal Virasat Kshetra concerning the development of the Mahakal Van addresses the issue of Maratha period reconstructions while also trying to recover the Parmara period morphology of the Mahakal Van.

It is proposed in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) on Mahakal Van to expand the boundaries of the Mahakal *Parisar* to include the Rudra Sagar.

Conservation forms an important component of its entire planning and includes Koti-Teerth and all the fifty two temples within the Mahakal *Parisar*. Local 'eran' stone has been proposed with lime concrete as far as possible in the creation of the new structures.

Phase two of the plan includes the introduction of battery operated vans; development of the visitor's centre; an open amphitheatre for cultural events and an energy plan utilising energy sources such as solar, wind and geothermal energy.

PLANNING

Heritage Development Plan: Varanasi

Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) has commissioned the preparation of the Heritage Development Plan for the city of Varanasi from the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH). Under this plan, five detailed projects have been proposed, four of which are:

1. Conservation of the heritage sites at all 5 halts of the Panchkoshi Yatra: This includes the conservation of the main temple, kund, wells, dharamshala, old houses and



Varanasi - Dadaswamedh Ghat

pathways etc. Extensive focus will be given towards the infrastructure needs of the area such as road, drainage, sewerage, water supply, electricity, signage and pavements. Several meetings with the Panchayat heads of the concerned villages will also be scheduled to discuss the project.

2. Conservation of the urban fabric of the street between Gadoliya Chowk to Dasaswamedh Ghat. This would include improvement of front façades of the buildings along the street,

control of signage, pedestrianization, lighting, restoration of some selected buildings, a facelift for the Sabzi Mandi, surface drainage etc. The proposal for Mansingh Ghat would also be included in this area.

3. Conservation of Chet Singh Palace and Ghat. This has been proposed for development as an interpretation centre for the City of Varanasi. The INTACH Varanasi Chapter Convener has begun discussions with the Maharaja, who has expressed his interest in the Project.

4. The listing of heritage structures of the city of Varanasi is also part of this project and shall be undertaken and a detailed inventory is being prepared of the heritage buildings, wells, kunds, dharmashalas and urban fabric for this purpose. This will rightfully help protect the heritage of the city and highlight ways and means of doing so.

VDA is also considering reviewing the proposed heritage law proposed by them in 2004 in the wake of this new study.

PLANNING

Awards

NASA - UNESCO: Louis I Kahn Trophy for architectural documentation

For the second time, UNESCO hosted the Louis I Kahn Trophy for Documentation at the Annual Convention of National Association of Students of Architecture, NASA, between 20 to 22 February 09, at Chatrapati Shivaji Sports Complex Palewadi, Pune. The Louis I Kahn Trophy was established in 1981 as the first attempt in India to create a database of the historic and traditional habitat by promoting

the knowledge and skills of good architectural documentation.

In December 2007, UNESCO, in partnership with NASA, announced the sponsorship of the Louis I Kahn Trophy.

The winners of the Louis I Kahn Trophy 2009, were LBHCOA, Mumbai; NIT College, Trichy and AOA College, Mumbai. The Rizvi College,

Mumbai and SPA New Delhi received a special mention. The jury was constituted by Prof. Vikas Dilawari (Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute for Architecture, Mumbai); Prof. Vasavada (CEPT University), Mr Janhwij Sharma (Director, Conservation, ASI), Mr Paul Trouilloud, UNESCO consultant and expert) and Ms Nicole Bolomey (Programme Specialist Culture, UNESCO).



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Power of Creativity for Sustainable Development Vol.3 (UNESCO New Delhi and National Rail Museum). The third issue of Power of Creativity magazine focuses on the railway heritage of India. A joint initiative with the National Rail Museum, this issue features articles written by railway lovers on various aspects of the Indian railways.

Indian Heritage Passport Programme on the Merchants Trail in Shekhawati (Rajasthan) : A Concept Paper by Ar. Urvashi Srivastava, Srijan Sanrakshan for UNESCO New Delhi. The Indian Heritage Passport Programme aims to promote heritage- based regional development through sustainable tourism along a historic itinerary, linking several sites to recount the wealth of India's lesser known destinations. This publication presents another story of Rajasthan, this is not the grandiosity of its forts and palaces, but the story of the merchants that linked the local producers of goods to the markets across India and beyond.

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