

# **CIVVIH ASIA-PACIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE - OPERATING GUIDELINES**

## **I. Objectives of the Asia-Pacific Subcommittee**

The aim of the subcommittee is the promotion of collaboration between the members of CIVVIH, other experts and relevant research institutions and organisations from the countries of the Asia-Pacific region to achieve the objectives of the International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH). The subcommittee will operate within the framework of CIVVIH (as an International Scientific Committee of ICOMOS) and within the spirit of the Valletta Principles and its predecessor, the Washington Charter, adopted by ICOMOS.

A specific objective of the subcommittee is the sharing of knowledge and the promotion of conservation methods and practices relevant to the Asia-Pacific region to achieve the protection and sustainable development and management of historic cities, towns, villages and urban areas.

## **II. Proposed Programme of the Asia-Pacific Subcommittee**

Historic towns and villages, in addition to cities and urban areas, within the Asia-Pacific region are facing immense pressures from rapid urbanisation, urban development, tourism, climate change, economic circumstances, and a range of other factors. These issues threaten the heritage values of historic areas and the retention of their authenticity. Common efforts, knowledge sharing and collaboration between experts from the various countries within the region have the potential to improve the protection, conservation and sustainable management of the historic cities, towns, villages and urban areas.

The subcommittee's programme would include the following activities:

- Promoting of knowledge on best-practice methodologies and principles of protection and sustainable management for historic towns, villages, cities and urban areas in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Identifying methods for implementing the HUL approach in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Promoting research, education and scientific publication on topics relevant to historic areas within the region;
- Enhancing and sharing information on the integration of heritage conservation within the urban planning frameworks of the countries within the region;
- Collaborating with major organizations involved in heritage conservation (including OWHC and UCLG), government and local authorities, institutions etc. to enhance protection and sustainable development of historic cities, towns, villages and urban areas within the region;
- Organising of regional and/or sub-regional symposiums, conferences, seminars, lectures, information exchange and scientific publication etc. on topics relevant to historic towns and villages, cities and urban areas within the region.

## **III. Functional Aspects of the Asia-Pacific Subcommittee**

The subcommittee will operate with regular secretarial support and some basic financial assistance from the School of Architecture, Tsinghua University & Tsinghua Tongheng Urban Planning & Design Institute in Beijing. The subcommittee will have a small Executive Group consisting of a President and two other CIVVIH expert members from the region. Elections will be held every three years, in accordance with the statutes of CIVVIH. Elections will be held at the official meetings of the Asia-Pacific subcommittee.

Any member of CIVVIH, whether Expert or Associate member, from a country within the region may join the subcommittee. Experts and/or other representatives of research centres, organisations and institutions etc. may join the subcommittee as 'Observers' and participate in meetings, symposiums etc. All activities, except the business meeting (at which voting and other official activities take place), are open to anyone who has a professional or academic interest in the field.

It is not anticipated that there will be much formal voting required. Any expert members of the subcommittee may vote.

#### **IV. Languages**

It is currently anticipated that the operating language of the subcommittee will be English. Where necessary/appropriate conferences etc. may be translated into other languages, if resources permit.

#### **V. Three-year working plan**

For the implementation of the objectives and proposed programmes, the subcommittee establishes a three-year working plan, including:

1. Collaborating tightly with the academic institutions in the field of historic cities, towns, villages and urban areas within the region, in terms of jointly organizing the academic activities, e.g.:
  - Scientific symposiums and/or conferences with ICOMOS China (or another national committee), e.g. Spring Townscape in Ji'nan City Symposium in 2019 with ICOMOS China and Ji'nan Authority
  - Training course or working seminar on conservation strategy e.g. Chinese Traditional Village Summit 2019 or 2020 to promote the international experience in Chinese traditional villages' conservation, (or other program as suggested by academic institutions in other countries).
  - Contribute to CIVVIH activities and events
  - Contribute to CIVVIH related events at the General Assembly in Sydney in 2020
2. Cooperating with the local authorities to enhance protection and sustainable development of historic cities, towns, villages and urban areas within the region, by providing consultation to practice and training to relevant staff e.g.:
  - Case study on Ji'nan historic city, Shandong Province, China
  - Training and course on heritage conservation within the urban planning framework of a local authority
  - Participating in a conservation seminar in an expert role and in the organization of consultants
3. Liaising with the ICOMOS Focal Point group on the Historic Urban Landscape with the view to supporting the implementation of HUL in the Asia-Pacific region. This could involve identification of cities, towns, villages and urban areas in the Asia-Pacific region that could potentially implement HUL and provide assistance to the administrations of those places in assessing if and how HUL can be introduced. e.g.:
  - Liaising with the coordinator of the HUL trial in Ballarat, Australia and other trial cities.
  - Liaising with WHITRAP (World Heritage Institute of Training and Research – Asia and Pacific) .
4. Setting up the platform and network to enhance information sharing, promote research, education and publication on topics relevant to historic areas within the region by:
  - Building a long-term information sharing platform with the support of CIVVIH website

- Issuing a regular e-Newsletter.
- Compiling a collection of electronic materials following the previous-mentioned symposiums, conferences, seminars and lectures, and sharing to all sub-committee members and related institutions.
- Sharing all information with the ICOMOS Documentation Centre and the Open Archive.
- Encouraging links with national committees in the region.

**Attendance of the 1<sup>st</sup> Official Meeting of CIVVIH Asia-Pacific Sub-Committee**  
Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Beijing

1. Sofia Avgerinou Kolonia (Greece)  
President of CIVVIH



2. Claus-Peter Echter (Germany)  
Secretary General of CIVVIH

Claus-Peter Echter

3. Hae Un Rii (Korea)  
Executive Committee Member of CIVVIH



4. David Logan (Australia)  
Executive Committee Member of CIVVIH



5. Jie Zhang (China)  
Executive Committee Member of CIVVIH

Zhang Jie

6. Yuichi Fukukawa (Japan)  
Expert Member of CIVVIH

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7. Helen Wilson (Australia)  
Expert Member of CIVVIH

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8. Zhongshu Zhao (China)  
Expert Member of CIVVIH

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9. Lijun Wang (China)  
Expert Member of CIVVIH



10. Pierre Laconte (Belgium)  
Expert Member of CIVVIH



11. Sergei Gorbatenko (Russia)  
Expert Member of CIVVIH



12. Zhan Guo (China)  
Observer from ICOMOS

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13. Haiming Yan (China)  
Observer from ICOMOS China



14. Yang Zhang (China)  
Observer

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