

HERITAGE ASIA–PACIFIC (heritAP)

**A NETWORK OF HERITAGE PRACTITIONERS
SUPPORTED BY WHITRAP SHANGHAI**



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The World Heritage Institute of Training and
Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region
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WHAT is the heritAP Network?

*“ CONNECTING PEOPLE ,
PROMOTING HERITAGE ”*

The World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITRAP) is a Category 2 Institute established under the auspices of UNESCO. The Institute's mission is to strengthen the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Asia and the Pacific Region, by building the capacity of all involved with World Heritage site inscription, protection, conservation and management, through training, research, the dissemination of information and network building. Networking is explicitly mentioned in the mandate of WHITRAP, in recognition of the important role it plays in enabling the institute to achieve its objectives, as well as the benefits it brings to the heritage sector more broadly.

With this objective in mind, WHITRAP Shanghai initiated HERITAGE Asia-Pacific (heritAP), a network that aims to foster the sharing of knowledge and experiences among individuals and institutions in the Asia-Pacific Region. The network will establish links between individuals, groups and institutions through: a newsletter; publications; digital platforms, including access to lectures and webinars; regular meetings arranged for and by network members; and facilitating professional travel opportunities around the region.

*“Networking is about creating meaningful connections among like-minded
and genuinely interested people and institutions”.*



WHAT is heritAP aiming to ACHIEVE?

- Build a **network** in which heritage practitioners, groups and institutions in the Asia-Pacific Region can participate;
- Facilitate the **sharing of knowledge** about the rich heritage of the Asia-Pacific Region and its conservation and management;
- Facilitate the **movement** of heritage practitioners within the Asia-Pacific Region;
- Act as a **platform** or **voice** in promoting matters related to heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region at national and regional levels;
- Celebrate and promote the the heritage of the region through such events as the '**Asia-Pacific Heritage Day**'; fostering collaboration between **individuals, institutions and countries**;
- **Recognize and reward** a range of contributions made by network members to the heritage sector.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

- **Participation** in what has the potential to become the largest network of heritage and heritage-related practitioners throughout the Asia-Pacific region;
- Opportunities to **share information** and **good practice** and to promote members' own expertise and experience; including uploading members' publications onto the heritAP website;
- Opportunities to request **technical expertise and guidance** to support the design and delivery of conservation projects;
- **Support** of a strong network when members are confronted with heritage issues at national level;
- **Recognition** of members' achievements within institutional and legislative developments, conservation and management, research, education and capacity building.

WHAT will heritAP DO ?

- 1 Create a **WHITRAP (heritAP)** membership directory;
- 2 Circulate regular communications that promote **knowledge-sharing**, to include: newsletter; publications; digital platforms, including access to lectures as webinars;
- 3 Organize **regular meetings** for network members. A key feature will be an annual conference, held in a different country in the Asia-Pacific Region each year, presenting activities in the heritage field as well as academic research, and providing a dynamic forum for discussion and debate;
- 4 Offer access to a **mentoring service** and facilitate professional exchanges, collaboration, cooperation, and interdisciplinary work between network members; and, where possible, offer financial support and scholarships for members to participate in such activities;
- 5 Provide support for members to travel within the region and **free** or reduced-cost **access** to heritage sites, as well as access to **local expertise** and guidance;
- 6 Offer **endorsement** (providing heritAP logo) of events organized by members at national or regional (Asia-Pacific) level and provide opportunities for members to apply for financial support to deliver events;
- 7 Provide opportunities—to **participate** in events such as an 'Asia-Pacific Heritage Day', celebrating heritage at national and regional levels;
- 8 Give **awards** for achievements in the heritage sector — institutional and legislative developments, conservation and management, research, education and capacity building—in recognition of contributions made by individuals and groups.

WHO can be a heritAP MEMBER?



If you are a **heritage practitioner** in the private or public sector, a **staff member** working at a heritage site, an **academic, researcher or instructor** engaged in heritage work, or are involved with heritage policy at local authority level or higher, **you can apply to become an individual member.**

If you engage with heritage and conservation at an institutional level your organization can apply to become an **institutional member**. For example: a **professional association**; a **heritage society**; a **regional or national heritage institution** (intergovernmental/nongovernmental); an **international heritage institution** located in the Asia-Pacific region; a **university** offering heritage studies; or a **heritage site**.



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