State of Conservation Report
of Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and
the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu
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1. Executive summary

Qufu pays great attention to the decision made by the World Heritage Committee. The Panchi Pond project was suspended for further modification in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations on the buffer zone. The government urged a more constant monitoring and patrol in the property and demanded a stricter project approval process and follow-ups. Heritage Impact Assessment is introduced and implemented to ensure any future construction to be coordinated with the property and avoid any adverse effect on its authenticity and integrity.

In recent years, the management of the buffer zone of the property has been stricter and more systematic. By 2016, Management Plan of Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu completed with a specific chapter on the protection standards and requirements for the heritage area and buffer zone of the property; and finished a series of plans such as Guidelines for Historic City Regeneration, Planning and Development Control in Qufu and Zoucheng, A Detailed Plan for the Restoration of Qufu Ming Old City, Infrastructure Network Modeling for Qufu Ming Old City, and A Handbook of Community Involvement in Heritage Conservation and Tourism Development, etc. These plans have provided technical guidelines for city development, community involvement and urban construction in the World Heritage site and effectively guaranteed its sustainable development.

The property’s OUV has been effectively preserved. Through the conservation of ancient buildings, steles, trees, tombs and museum collections, its authenticity has
been further preserved. Through the enhancement of the infrastructure and environment in the buffer zone, the surroundings as well as the living standard of neighboring communities have been further improved. There is no potential project that may have substantial impact on the property’s OUV. The monitoring system to be put in place will provide more scientific and in-time information for both the heritage area and the buffer zone.

2. Response to the Decision of World Heritage Committee

Qufu pays great attention to the decision made by the World Heritage Committee. The government urged a more constant monitoring and patrol in the property and demanded a stricter project approval process and follow-ups. Apart from joint approval of urban construction projects within the buffer zone by relevant authorities of urban construction, city planning, cultural heritage and land and resources, Heritage Impact Assessment have been introduced and implemented to ensure any future construction to be coordinated with the property and avoid any adverse effect on its authenticity and integrity.

The Panchi Pond project was suspended by the Qufu government and maintained status quo while waiting for the Committee’s decision. While keeping the fire safety and daily maintenance of the Panchi Pond, the modified Detailed Planning and Building Scheme for the Construction Project in the Area of the Ancient Panchi Pond in the Buffer Zone of the World Heritage Site in Qufu and the Heritage Impact Assessment document were submitted to the State Administration of Cultural Heritage and the World