

## **Abstract of Report on the State of Conservation of Temple, Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu**

The Temple, Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu was inscribed to the World Heritage List in 1994. For now, the compilation of heritage conservation planning, the preservation of the heritage body, 3-D scanning, heritage monitoring and publication of related reports have been rolled out in an orderly manner. The overall protection of the heritage site is sound.

According to the verification of local cultural heritage department, the condition mentioned in World Heritage Center's letter that some historical housing stock has been razed in the buffer zone and hotels would be built, should be comprehensive renovation project in the Ancient Panchi area. The project targets to improve the underdeveloped infrastructure in this area, to better protect the historical heritage and to inherit historical urban features. This urban renewal project would be conducted after comprehensive planning, and all the registered heritage buildings and valuable historical residential dwellings have been retained in the planning, including Ancient Panchi, Wenchang Memorial Hall, Qufu Cinema, Li's and Wu's House. No historical residential dwellings will be demolished. The demolished ones are tousy housing built within the last half century, and there is no plan of building new hotels. The archaeological investigation confirmed the Ancient Panchi and Panshui Bridge of the Confucius Temple has cultural bonding. Bearing this in mind, the local government will integrate the conservation and presentation of the Ancient Panchi heritage site into the subsequent overall design.

The local government believed that the urban renewal plan of the Ancient Panchi area, as well as conservation of historical heritage, is practical, and meets the urgent need of improving the living conditions of residents in the buffer zone, and followed the related regulations for the buffer zone of the Property. Together with the Cultural Heritage Bureau of Shandong Province, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage will continue to enhance supervision, follow the approval procedures strictly and provide technological guidance, to ensure the effective conservation of the World Heritage site Temple, Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu.