

WHV – Young Guardians of Teotihuacan

Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan, Mexico

◆ Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1987

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The holy city of Teotihuacan ('the place where the gods were created') is situated some 50 km north-east of Mexico City. Built between the 1st and 7th centuries A.D., it is characterized by the vast size of its monuments – in particular, the Temple of Quetzalcoatl and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, laid out on geometric and symbolic principles. As one of the most powerful cultural centers in Mesoamerica, Teotihuacan extended its cultural and artistic influence throughout the region, and even beyond.



Project objectives: The project aims to develop social engagement with the local communities around the archeological site for its protection and safeguarding. Within the framework of international cooperation, it also seeks to develop educational strategies related to preservation and promotion of the World Heritage as a whole towards young population by continuing the “Young Guardians of Teotihuacán” programme, established in 2011.

Project activities: The volunteers will participate in discussions and meetings with local authorities about the importance of local communities’ involvement in preserving the World Heritage site. The volunteers will have the opportunity to create educational materials and lead activities in the schools of San Juan Teotihuacán and San Martín de las Pirámides in order to generate a database for the development of the “Young Guardians of Teotihuacán” programme. Finally, they will be involved in training activities about preventive preservation techniques for the property.

Partners: Fraternidad CEAPRAJ, Club UNESCO Hipatya, and Dirección de Operación de Sitios-Coordinación Nacional de Arqueología-INAH.

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