

WHV – Protect Swayambhu

Kathmandu Valley, Nepal

◆ Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1979

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Located in the foothills of the Himalayas, the Kathmandu Valley World Heritage property is inscribed as seven Monument Zones. As Buddhism and Hinduism developed and changed over the centuries throughout Asia, both religions prospered in Nepal and produced a powerful artistic and architectural fusion beginning at least from the 5th century AD, but truly coming into its own in the three-hundred-year-period between 1500 and 1800 AD. These monuments were defined as the outstanding cultural traditions of the Newars, manifested in their unique urban settlements, buildings and structures with intricate ornamentation displaying outstanding craftsmanship in brick, stone, timber and bronze that are some of the most highly developed in the world.



Project objectives: Swayambhu stupa and its surroundings have been dramatically damaged by the 2015 earthquake, and a first World Heritage Volunteers camp has successfully taken place in December of the same year. Following up on the work and partnerships developed, the project aims at supporting the local authorities and experts in the important reconstruction and renovation work ongoing, and at running promotional, and educational activities to further sensitize the local population and visitors about the protection of the site.

Project activities: The volunteers will be directly involved in the undergoing renovation work, supporting the local experts and authorities to preserve the area and continue the reconstruction work started after the earthquake. After receiving targeted training by local experts, the participants will also run an educational campaign on the history and importance of the site and its needs and threats,

aiming at reaching out to the community and in particular to the students of local universities and colleges.

Partners: UNESCO Office in Kathmandu, Kathmandu Metropolis, Swayambhunath conservation and development Federation, and local youth clubs.

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