

WHV - Fujian *Tolou* World Heritage Preservation and Promotion

Fujian Tulou, China

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 2008

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Fujian *Tulou* is a property of 46 buildings constructed between the 15th and 20th centuries over 120 km in south-west of Fujian province. Set amongst rice, tea and tobacco fields the *Tulou* are earthen houses. Several storeys high, they are built along an inward-looking, circular or square floor plan as housing for up to 800 people each. They were built for defense purposes around a central open courtyard and housed a whole clan, functioning as village units.

Project objectives:

The project, taking place for the first time in the framework of the WHV, aims at protecting, preserving and promoting the *Tulou*'s background, history, culture and architecture. Working mostly on a *Tulou* designated to be an international youth centre, the project also has the objective of enhancing international exchanges and promoting sustainable tourism and development.

Project activities:

The volunteers will be involved in experiential learning activities, building a *Tulou* wall with natural building materials including earth, bamboo and stones from the surrounding areas. They will also take part in interactive *Tulou* home visits and run discussion sessions about World Heritage with the local community.

Partners:

Zinong Social Enterprise, Government of Yongding, Fujian Daily, Amity Foundation.

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