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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