

WHV – Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu

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Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List in 1994

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Located in Qufu City, the birthplace of renowned and revered philosopher, politician and educator Confucius, the Temple of Confucius was first built in 478 BC. Destroyed and reconstructed over the centuries, it now covers 14 hectares, with 104 buildings and over 1,250 ancient trees. It is the prototype and model for all Confucius temples in East Asia and South-East Asia, particularly in terms of layout and style.

Project objectives:

The project, organized for the seventh time at this site, aims to raise awareness about the preservation of Confucius' birthplace and the importance of the Chinese traditional culture it symbolizes. The activities target in particular local residents, national volunteers and the numerous tourists visiting the property.

Project activities:

The volunteers will carry out manual work at the site to improve its conditions, cutting the grass and trimming the tree branches around the inscribed monuments, and cleaning and painting some of the damaged parts. They will also survey and sensitize tourists about Confucius' philosophy and the site's importance. Furthermore, volunteers will have the opportunity to learn and share with tourists traditional sculpture and rubbing arts skills.

Partners:

Qufu City Cultural Relics Bureau, The Confucius Culture Education and Training Center in Qufu.

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