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The nomination of “Historic Monuments and Sites of Ancient Quanzhou (Zayton)” was submitted to the World Heritage Center in 2017 by the State Party, the People’s Republic of China. In the Decision of 42 COM 8B.18 made by the World Heritage Committee, the nomination has been referred back to the State Party with detailed and helpful comments. The State Party is deeply grateful for the concern and assistance offered by the World Heritage Committee for the nomination project of Quanzhou.

The State Party seeks a close cooperation with ICOMOS for the purpose of developing a revised nomination in accordance with Decision 42 COM 8B.18. During the meeting with ICOMOS on October, 2018, agreement on carrying out an upstream Advisory Mission was reached, which further contributed significantly to the development of revised nomination. During their visit to Quanzhou on May, 2019, ICOMOS specialists Ms. Susan Denyer and Mr. John W. Chaffee conducted several symposiums with the State Party and provided an insightful report that inspired and guided the development of revised nomination.

From October of 2018 to January of 2020, the State Party conducted further research and prepared a Revised Nomination Dossier in accordance with the recommendations made by the Advisory Mission and particularly the spirit of the Final Report of ICOMOS Advisory Process received on 31st July, 2019. In conformance with *The Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, the submitted revised nomination materials comprise a re-conceptualized nomination dossier and an annex with Management Plan and reference in it.

In compliance with ICOMOS recommendations, the revised nomination dossier was developed with special concerns on the following subjects:

1. A new name for the serial property to precisely convey the importance.
2. Identification of key attributes and the construction of the overall framework of the serial property.
3. New approaches for the selection of component sites under the overall framework with new sites are added to fulfil the framework.
4. Revision of proposed OUV, attributes and criterion.
5. Enhancement of the demonstration of the interlinked relationships among component sites through selection of sites, identification of contributing elements and boundaries, statement of integrity and authenticity, conservation and management strategies as well as presentation and interpretation strategies.

6. Framework of long-term research of serial property and policy approaches for sustainable conservation and management.

As a result, the submitted revised nomination dossier witnesses some major changes, which refer mainly to:

1. Identification of the property

- a) As suggested by ICOMOS, the new name “**Quanzhou: Emporium of the World in Song-Yuan China**” is given to the serial property.
- b) The revised nomination comprises 22 component sites, among which, 16 sites have been included in the previous nomination and 6 sites are newly added. The 22 component sites are listed as follow. Note the underlined sites are newly added.

Jiuri Mountain Wind-Praying Inscriptions, Site of Maritime Trade Office, Site of Deji Gate, Tianhou Temple, Zhenwu Temple, Site of Southern Clan Office, Confucius Temple and School, Kaiyuan Temple, Statue of Lao Tze, Qingjing Mosque, Islamic Tombs, Statue of Mani in Cao'an Temple, Sites of Cizao Kilns (Jinjiaoyishan Kilns), Sites of Dehua Kilns (Weilin-Neiban Kilns, Qudougong Kiln), Xiacaopu Iron Production Site of Qingyang Village in Anxi, Luoyang Bridge, Anping Bridge, Site of Shunji Bridge, Estuary Docks, Shihu Dock, Liusheng Pagoda and Wanshou Pagoda

- c) Identification of new boundaries:
 - Some boundaries of nominated properties and buffer zones have been modified in accordance with understanding on the importance and adjustment to the contributing elements. For example, as suggested by ICOMOS, in order to enhance the protection and presentation of the structure of Song-Yuan Quanzhou city, the entire old city has been included in one buffer zone, which is shared by all component sites located in the old city.
 - The delineations of “wider setting” outside of buffer zone have been applied on 12 component sites (see maps in 1.e-2) in order to raise more attention and enhance the conservation and management of the interlinked relationships among component sites of serial property. The “wider setting” applied in the dossier finds its concept and definition in Article 118bis. and Article 132.5 of the 2019 version of *Operational Guidance*, as well as page 86-88 of the 2011 version of *Preparing World Heritage Nominations*.

2. Description

- a) As suggested by the Final Report, the Chapter 2.a Description of Property is re-organized and comprises three parts: Contextual Background, Composition of the Serial Property and Description of the 22 Components. This chapter is re-written with special concerns on the following subjects:
- Three main subjects closely related to the OUV: the trade network of maritime Asia during the 10th-14th centuries, Song-Yuan China, and Quanzhou itself;
 - The description of the “full picture” of Song-Yuan Quanzhou, including the formation, functioning and distribution, spatial structure, trade and social structure;
 - The approaches component sites are assembled;
 - Key attributes and how each component site is related with them;
 - The contribution each of the 22 component sites makes to the proposed OUV and attributes, and how it is justified by the tangible remains and intangible tradition of each site.
- b) The Chapter 2.b History and Development is re-written under the theme of maritime trade and is organized in four narratives: the 10th-14th centuries world system , China’s leading roles in the history of maritime Asia, Maritime Trade in Quanzhou during the Song-Yuan period, and the history and development of each of the 22 component sites.

3. Justification for Inscription

- a) Chapter 3.1.a provides a re-conceptualized proposed OUV which justifies that the serial property of Quanzhou is able to present the prosperity and representativeness of Quanzhou as “an emporium of the world” during the Song-Yuan period.
- b) With suggestion made by ICOMOS Advisory Process and decision of World Heritage Committee, Chapter 3.1.b justifies that the serial property of Quanzhou applies to Criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv).
- c) The statements of integrity and authenticity are made for both the series and each of the components in accordance with the value, attributes and linkages of the serial property.

d) The comparative analysis is re-shaped with indications provided by the ICOMOS Advisory Mission and primarily aims to explore the meaning of Quanzhou's nomination to the World Heritage List. Throughout the comparisons with inscribed properties and sites in the tentative lists, the comparative analysis argues that Quanzhou's nomination has absolute contribution to the manifestation of the 10th-14th centuries world system, the trade network of maritime Asia before the arrival of the Europeans and coastal development in the Southeast Asian and East Asian world. Comparing with ports of China, Guangzhou and Ningbo, it highlights the representativeness of Quanzhou during the Song-Yuan period. As a serial nomination, it also justifies how the selection of each of the 22 component is made.

4. State of Conservation and Factors affecting the Property

- a) The statement of overall conservation state of the serial property is added in accordance with the values and key attributes.
- b) The information on the state of conservation of the six newly added component sites is added and that of the rest 16 components are updated.

5. Protection and Management

- a) Enhance the statement on the overall management system of the serial property and coordination mechanism.
- b) Add statement to the management strategy towards the linkage among components of the serial property, presentation and interpretation, and tourism management.
- b) The Management Plan for the Serial Property of Quanzhou, the full text of which is provided in the Annex, is revised in accordance with proposed values and the adjustment of component sites.

6. Monitoring

- a) This chapter updates the framework of monitoring of the serial property and attributes.
- b) The information on the monitoring of the 6 newly added sites is added and that of the rest 16 sites is updated and refined.

7. Documentation

This part has been updated to include the documents, bibliography, etc. that are used in the research and writing of the revised nomination.

8. Contact Information

This part has been updated accordantly.

Annex

The Annex has been updated to include The Management Plan for the Serial Property of Quanzhou, related research and archaeological reports, as well as related conservation and management documents.