

WHV – Model World Heritage Committee

Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor, (Transnational) China

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2014)

PROJECT DATES

18 April - 31 October
2024 (Online and offline)

THE SITE - The Silk Roads were an interconnected web of routes linking the ancient societies of Asia, the Subcontinent, Central Asia, Western Asia and the Near East. They contributed to the development of many of the world's great civilizations and represent one of the world's preeminent long-distance communication networks.

OBJECTIVES - The project, organized for the third time and utilizing an online-offline blended approach, aims at raising awareness about the history of the Silk Roads network. Designated as the Secretariat of the *Coordinating Committee on Transnational Serial Nomination for World Heritage of the Silk Roads*, ICOMOS International Conservation Center - Xi'an aims at building a solid "reservoir" of knowledge about the Silk Roads for the current and future generations, across and beyond the countries and territories concerned.

ACTIVITIES - Local and international experts and volunteers will interact through a mix of online and face-to-face lectures, seminars and conferences to spread knowledge about the Silk Roads. On international event days, managers and experts from international organisations will introduce and explain to volunteers and the larger public the World Heritage Convention and related mechanisms; at the same time, several World Heritage sites connected to the Silk Roads will be invited to co-organise offline activities, including a field event with a Model World Heritage Committee meeting in July, resulting in common academic documents and public releases (e.g. declarations on the theme of heritage conservation).

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