

WHV – Model World Heritage Committee (Year 2)

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 - 30 November
2025 (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 aims at promoting the involvement and engagement of the youth community in World Heritage research, conservation, and management. It also aims at strengthening the role of stakeholders in heritage management, recognizing cultural heritage as a shared resource. Furthermore, the project aims at empowering youth with professional tools to build a meaningful and equitable future that upholds diversity, social engagement, equality, and justice for all cultures. It aims at celebrating the inscription of World Heritage sites such as “Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor” and “Silk Roads: Zarafshan-Karakum Corridor”, while also promoting subsequent nominations under the Serial Transnational Nomination framework. Lastly, the project aims at contributing to the effective implementation of the “Next 50” visions.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will join a series public lectures on the theme of World Heritage Nomination, and leverage the Model World Heritage Committee (MWHC) session as a method of promoting World Heritage concepts. They will take part in site visits that will be recorded and live streamed as a publicity tool, edited by the volunteers themselves. Participants will also be guided to conduct their own field research on a heritage site and to present their analysis at the MWHC session. They will work on a Model Nomination Dossier based on field investigations, preparing the case-study and arguments for the theme of the year.

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