

Vice-President

Mr Guo Zhan

Current Position

Director, World Heritage Expert Committee of China, a non-governmental professional consultant institution designated by the State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH)
Senior Researcher on history and archaeology (equivalent to Professor)
Concurrent Professor, Chinese Academy of Governance
ICOMOS Vice President, first elected by the 15th General Assembly in 2005
Vice Chairman and Secretary-General of ICOMOS China
Director of IICC-Xi'an

Education

1979-1982, Masters in Mongolian History and Yuan Dynasty History, Department of History, Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
1973-1976, Archaeology Department, Peking University

Work Experience and Professional Achievements

Worked within the State Administration of Cultural Heritage on the protection, management and research of ancient architecture, historic cities and archaeological sites, successively acting as project manager, deputy division chief, director of the General Office, director of the Cultural Relics Division, director of the Division of World Heritage, and commissioner of the Department of Cultural Heritage Protection until retirement.
Took part in the deliberations and research with regards to the Nara Document on Authenticity in Nara, Japan in 1994 and 2004.

Major Activities in recent years:

Organized ICOMOS Asia-Pacific Group meetings in China; the international and national post-disaster heritage rescue and protection measures in the wake of Wenchuan earthquake in 2008; various symposia on the protection and management of cultural landscapes, industrial heritage, and the Grand Canal of China, etc.;

Engaged in the conservation and monitoring of heritage sites in China;

Chair of the International Symposium on the Concepts and Practices of Conservation and Restoration of Historic Buildings in East Asia.

Participated in the revision of the *Principles for the Conservation of Heritage Sites in China*.

Organized the translating into Chinese of a *History of Architectural Conservation* written by Jukka Jokilehto, the *ICOMOS Charter on the Interpretation and Presentation of Cultural Heritage Sites* (ICIP), *Preparing World Heritage Nominations* (World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS, IUCN), and of some interesting discussion papers of ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on the Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration.