

“Photo Exhibition Celebrating Thirty Years of China’s World Cultural Heritage” to open tomorrow (with photos)

An exhibition entitled "Photo Exhibition Celebrating Thirty Years of China's World Cultural Heritage" will open tomorrow (May 30) at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre. The exhibition will introduce China's world heritage sites which have been inscribed on the World Heritage List through valuable photos, enabling visitors to learn about the sites' cultural value.

In 1972, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization adopted the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. The aim of the Convention was to protect cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value. China has been one of the State Parties of the Convention since 1985. China has had 52 items inscribed on the World Heritage List over the past 30 years, starting with the inclusion of its first batch of six heritage sites on the List in 1987, and these have included 36 items of cultural heritage and four items of mixed cultural and natural heritage.

The exhibition will showcase these items of cultural heritage and mixed cultural and natural heritage, such as the Great Wall, Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing dynasties in Beijing, Mogao Caves, Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains, Old Town of Lijiang, Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui – Xidi and Hongcun, Longmen Grottoes, Fujian Tulou, Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces and Kulangsu – a Historic International Settlement, featuring heritage sites, architectural clusters, cultural landscapes and historic towns and cities.

Officiating at the opening ceremony today (May 29) were the Deputy Director General of the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, Mr Liu Shuguang; the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li; the Commissioner for Heritage of the Development Bureau, Mr Jose Yam; and the Executive Secretary of the Antiquities and Monuments Office, Ms Susanna Siu.

The exhibition, which has free admission and will run until August 12, is jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Chinese National Committee for the International Council on Monuments and Sites, and organised by the Antiquities and Monuments Office. For details of the exhibition, please visit the Antiquities and Monuments Office's website at www.amo.gov.hk, or call 2208 4400.

The Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre is located in Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.

