

## UNESCO Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific inscribes 14 Items on the Asia-Pacific Register



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**At the 7<sup>th</sup> General meeting held in Hue, Vietnam, from 18 to 20 May 2016, the UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP) has inscribed 14 new items on the Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Register.**

From the Archives of Suzhou Silk Samples to the Royal Literature of Hue Royal Architecture, a total of 14 items have successfully joined the existing 32 items. They met the criteria of world significance, and of unique and irreplaceable heritage of humanity.

The complete list of [new inscriptions](#) is here.

Under the chairmanship of Mr Li Minghua, Director-General of the State Archives Administration and the Central Archives of China, and comprising representatives from Australia, Cambodia,

Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Vietnam, MOWCAP examined and approved 14 new items of documentary heritage from 11 countries. Timor-Leste was an observer at the meeting.

The Memory of the World I Asia-Pacific Register now includes a total of 46 documentary heritage collections, from various countries in the Asia and the Pacific region and safeguarded on various materials including stone, wood and palm leaves. The register also includes collections of film and sound recordings.

As part of the meeting, a workshop was organized to introduce and provide guidance on the implementation of the recently adopted 2015 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, and Access to Documentary Heritage, including in Digital Form.

MOWCAP was set up in 1998 and is the regional forum for UNESCO's global [Memory of the World Programme](#). MOWCAP is intended to protect valuable documentary heritage collections across Asia and the Pacific, and helps networks of experts to exchange information and raise resources for preservation of, and access to, documentary heritage in the region.



Seminar on UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage including in Digital Form © Hue Monuments Conservation Centre

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MOWCAP website <http://www.mowcap.org/>

Video in Vietnamese of the 7<sup>th</sup> General meeting

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