

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF XI'AN

Dear members of ICOMOS,

From 17 to 21 October 2005 the city of Xi'an will play host to the 15th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS. As Mayor of Xi'an, a municipal city in the People's Republic of China, I sincerely invite all of you to come to our city and attend this important meeting, destined to be a memorable event marking an important occasion in your organisation's history.

Xi'an is an ancient and beautiful city, which has played a central role in the development of oriental civilization. The atmosphere of the city reflects its 3,000 year old history and countless ancient monuments and remains bear witness to the fact that it was the capital of 13 Chinese dynasties. The appeal of today's Xi'an lies in the harmonious synthesis which has developed between the historic and the modern.

We will be greatly honoured by your visit. The outstanding cultural heritage of the city, the graceful landscapes that surround it and the enthusiasm of our citizens will provide you with long-lasting memories.

I look forward to welcoming you in Xi'an in 2005

SUN Qing Yun
Mayor of Xi'an