

Safeguarding Pioneers

The Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation: A Leader of Cultural Heritage Protection and Promotion

Established on the basis of the Cultural Properties Protection Law, the Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation is a corporation that specialises in traditional culture, and pass on traditional Korean culture, while engaging in international joint projects to develop intangible and tangible cultural heritage worldwide.

The foundation promotes cooperative activity through its interaction with various intangible heritage safeguarding bodies from governments and public institutions, to centres for intangible cultural heritage, bearers and the general public. The foundation plays a key role in using traditional culture to enhance communication and understanding across generational, class and sectoral divides.

The Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation has implemented various projects in order to promote and popularise traditional Korean culture including reproductions of traditional ritual ceremonies, traditional music and dance performances and exhibitions of arts and crafts, educational programs and publications, cultural tour souvenir product development, traditional Korean weddings, excavation and investigation of cultural relics.

In an effort to expand upon the existing cultural base, the foundation also provides an opportunity to develop and utilise traditional cultural contents to the general public in addition to arts practitioners. Through this process, the foundation is committed to continuing to develop as a future-oriented institution of cultural heritage transmission and dissemination.

The Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation applied for accreditation as a non-governmental organisation and is currently waiting for accreditation approval from the General Assembly. Once accredited, non-governmental organisations have advisory functions to the Intergovernmental Committee, in reference to nomination files for the Urgent Safeguarding List as well as requests for international assistance.



Seoul Training Center for Important Cultural Properties
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Ceremony for the changing of the royal guard at Gyeongbokgung Palace organized by the Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation Seoul, Korea
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