

Region IV
Asia-Pacific
China



China Folklore Society

NGO accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Geographic Coverage of NGO’s expertise: China, Japan, Republic of Korea.



Relevant projects or initiatives
Since 2015, CFS has been tasked by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to provide consultative services for the preparation of China’s periodic reports on the status of 7 elements inscribed on the Urgent Safeguarding List, 35 elements inscribed on the Representative List and 1 element selected for the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices. A collaborative mechanism between the concerned government bodies, communities and CFS has been established for the preparation of these reports.

NGO’s activity networks and more information



Vision
Facilitate scholarly exchanges and cooperation, promote academic research of traditional folklore and culture.

Mission
The Chinese Folklore Society has over 3,000 members from social sciences and humanities. It aims to bring together folklorists and folklore fellows throughout the country, to investigate, collect and study folklore and folk culture of people of all ethnic groups of the country. It facilitates scholarly exchanges and cooperation both at home and abroad, to gather, disseminate, and share academic information and resources, and to further the discipline of folklore studies.

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- Main areas of work related to the Convention**
- Providing policy advice at central and provincial levels;
 - Conducting academic and applied research on ICH elements in China;
 - Promoting the visibility of ICH elements in China;
 - Contributing to the preparation of nomination files (The Twenty-Four Solar Terms, knowledge in China of time and practices developed through observation of the sun’s annual motion, in 2016 ; Lum medicinal bathing of Sowa Rigpa, knowledge and practices concerning life, health and illness prevention and treatment among the Tibetan people in China, in 2020; Ong Chun/Wangchuan/ Wangkang ceremony, rituals and related practices for maintaining the sustainable connection between man and the ocean in 2020; Traditional tea processing techniques and associated social practices in China, in 2022 etc.)
 - Contributing to the preparation of periodic reports on inscribed ICH elements;
 - Serving as member of the Evaluation Body and participating in the statutory meetings of the 2003 Convention.



Folklore studies.



Documentation and publication.



Scholarly exchange and cooperation.



Fieldwork.



Policy advice.



Capacity-building.

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