KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON CHINA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO**: since 4 November 1946. It is one of the Organization’s founding members.

2. **Membership on the Executive Board**: Yes

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**:
   - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (term expires in 2015)
   - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2015)
   - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
   - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning; Elected Member: Mr Zhang Xinxing (term expires in 2015)
   - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education Member: Prof. Jianzhong Cha
   - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning; Member: Mr Minxuan Zhang

4. **The Director General’s visits to China**: 8
   - 22-23 May 2015
   - 2-5 June 2014
   - 14-16 May 2013
   - 14-15 June 2013
   - 20-23 October 2013
   - 12-17 May 2012
   - 10-13 August 2011
   - 17-22 May 2010

5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**:
   - H.E. Ms Zhang Xiuqin, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 28 May 2014)
   - Staff: Mr Fang Qingchao, Deputy Permanent Delegate, and 9 staff
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr You Shaozhong (January 2012 – March 2014)

6. **UNESCO Office in Beijing**:
   - Date of establishment: 1984
   - Member States serviced: Cluster Office and Office of the Representative to China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia and Republic of Korea
   - Officer-in-Charge a.i.: Ms Eunice Smith (P-4, Grenada), since 1 January 2015

7. **National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO**:
   - Date of establishment: 1979
   - Chairperson: Mr HAO Ping, Vice-Minister of Education (since June 2009), President of the General Conference
   - Secretary-General: Mr DU Yue (since September 2011)

8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities**:
   - Mrs Peng Liyuan, Special Envoy for the Advancement of Girls’ and Women’s Education
   - Ms Gong Li, Artist for Peace
• Mr Jun Zhang, Artist for Peace
• Ms Tai Lihua, The China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe, UNESCO Artists for Peace
• Mr Ke Gong, Member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board

9. UNESCO Chairs: 18 + 1 UNITWIN network
• UNESCO-UNU Chair in Plant Biotechnology, Beijing University (1992)
• UNESCO Chair on University-Industry Partnership for National Development, China National Institute of Educational Research (1994)
• UNESCO Chair in Cultural Management, Southeast University, Nanjing (1998)
• UNESCO Chair on Continuing Engineering Education, Tsinghua University (1999)
• UNESCO Chair in Higher Education, Beijing University (1999)
• UNESCO Chair in Copyright and Neighbouring Rights, Renmin University (2001)
• UNESCO/EOLSS Chair in Science and Technology Policies, Zhongshan (Sun Yat-Sen) University, Guangzhou (2001)
• UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education, East China Normal University, Shanghai (2004)
• UNESCO Chair on Cooperation Between Higher Engineering Education and Industries, Beijing Jiao-Tong University, Beijing (2005)
• UNESCO Chair in Media and Gender, Communication University of China, Beijing (2005)
• UNESCO/COUSTEAU Ecotechnie Chair, Yunnan University, Kunming (2005)
• UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurial Education, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou (2010)
• UNESCO Chair in Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Lifelong Learning, Hong Kong Institute of Education (2011)
• UNESCO Chair in Hydroinformatics for Ecohydrology, Capital Normal University (2011)
• UNESCO Chair in South-South Cooperation on Science and Technology to Address Climate Change, Beijing Institute of Technology, China Science and Technology Exchange Center (2012)
• UNESCO Chair in Comparative Education, University of Hong Kong(2012)
• UNESCO chair on Theatre Education, Central Academy of Drama, Beijing (2013)
• UNESCO/IOC Chair on ocean and Urban Development, East China Normal University (2014)

UNITWIN Network in Distance and Open Learning, Shanghai TV University (1997)

Note: China has the largest number of UNESCO Chairs established in the Asia and the Pacific region.


11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 9
• International Research and Training Centre for Rural Education, Beijing
• International Research and Training Centre on Erosion and Sedimentation, Beijing
• International Research Centre on Karst - in the field of Earth sciences, Guilin
• International Centre On Space Technologies For Cultural And Natural Heritage, Beijing
• International Training Centre For Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region
• International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy, Beijing
• International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology, Beijing
• International Centre on Global-scale Geochemistry, Langfang
• World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region

12. Biosphere Reserves: 33
• Baishuijiang
• Baotianman
• Bogeda
• Changbaishan
• Chebaling
• Dalai Lake
• Dinghushan
• Fanjingshan
• Fenglin
• Foping
• Gaoligong Mountain
• Hanma
• Huanglong
• Jinggangshan
• Jiuzhaigou Valley
• Mao’er Mountain
• Maolan
• Nanji Islands
• Niubeiliang
• Qomolangma
• Saihan Wula
• Shankou Mangrove
• Shennongjia
• Snake Island, Laotie Mountain
• Tianmushan
• Wolong
• Wudalianchi
• Wuyishan
• Xilin Gol
• Xingkai Lake
• Xishuangbanna
• Yading
• Yancheng

13. **Global Geoparks**: 31

14. **World Heritage Sites**: 48 properties

* Cultural
  • Tusi Sites (2015)
  • Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains (1994)
  • Ancient City of Ping Yao (1997)
  • Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui – Xidi and Hongcun (2000)
  • Capital Cities and Tombs of the Ancient Koguryo Kingdom (2004)
  • Classical Gardens of Suzhou (1997)
  • Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces (2013)
  • Dazu Rock Carvings (1999)
  • Fujian *Tulou* (2008)
  • Historic Centre of Macao (2005)
  • Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa (1994)
  • Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in “The Centre of Heaven and Earth” (2010)
  • Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shenyang (1987)
  • Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties (2000)
  • Kaiping Diaolou and Villages (2007)
  • Longmen Grottoes (2000)
  • Lushan National Park (1996)
  • Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor (1987)
  • Mogao Caves (1987)
  • Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System (2000)
  • Mount Wutai (2009)
  • Mountain Resort and its Outlying Temples, Chengde (1994)
  • Old Town of Lijiang (1997)
  • Peking Man Site at Zhoukoudian (1987)
• Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor (2014)
• Site of Xanadu (2012)
• Summer Palace, an Imperial Garden in Beijing (1998)
• Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu (1994)
• Temple of Heaven: an Imperial Sacrificial Altar in Beijing (1998)
• The Grand Canal (2014)
• The Great Wall (1987)
• West Lake Cultural Landscape of Hangzhou (2011)
• Yin Xu (2006)
• Yungang Grottoes (2001)

Natural
• Chengjiang Fossil Site (2012)
• China Danxia (2010)
• Huanglong Scenic and Historic Interest Area (1992)
• Jiuzhaigou Valley Scenic and Historic Interest Area (1992)
• Mount Sanqingshan National Park (2008)
• Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries - Wolong, Mt Siguniang and Jiajin Mountains (2006)
• South China Karst (2007)
• Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas (2003)
• Wulingyuan Scenic and Historic Interest Area (1992)
• Xinjiang Tianshan (2013)

Mixed
• Mount Taishan (1987)
• Mount Huangshan (1990)
• Mount Emei Scenic Area, including Leshan Giant Buddha Scenic Area (1996)
• Mount Wuyi (1999)

15. Tentative list: 54 properties

Cultural sites
• Chinese Section of the Silk Road: Land routes in Henan Province, Shaanxi Province, Gansu Province, Qinghai Province, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region; Sea Routes in Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province and Quanzhou City, Fujian Province - from Western-Han Dynasty to Qing Dynasty (2008)
• Sites for Liquor Making in China (2008)
• Ancient Residences in Shanxi and Shaanxi Provinces (2008)
• City Walls of the Ming and Qing Dynasties (2008)
• Slender West Lake and Historic Urban Area in Yangzhou (2008)
• The Ancient Waterfront Towns in the South of Yangtze River (2008)
• Fenghuang Ancient City (2008)
• Site of Southern Yue State (2008)
• The Rock Painting of the Mountain Huashan (2008)
• Baiheliang Ancient Hydrological Inscription (2008)
• Miao Nationality Villages in Southeast Guizhou Province: The villages of Miao Nationality at the Foot of Leigong Mountain in Miao Ling Mountains (2008)
• Karez Wells (2008)
• Expansion Project of Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties: King Lujian’s Tombs (2008)
• The Central Axis of Beijing (including Beihai) (2013)
• Wooden Structures of Liao Dynasty—Wooden Pagoda of Yingxian County, Main Hall of Fengguo Monastery of Yixian County (2013)
• Sites of Hongshan Culture: The Niuheliang Archaeological Site, the Hongshanzhou Archaeological Site, and Weijiawopu Archaeological Site (2013)
• Liangzhu Archaeological Site (2013)
• Ancient Porcelain Kiln Site in China (2013)
• Kulangsu (2013)
• SanFangQiXiang (2013)
• Ancient Tea Plantations of Jingmai Mountain in Pu’er (2013)
• Western Xia Imperial Tombs (2013)
• Dong Villages (2013)
• Lingqu Canal (2013)
• Diaolou Buildings and Villages for Tibetan and Qiang Ethnic Groups (2013)
• Archaeological Sites of the Ancient Shu State: Site at Jinsha and Joint Tombs of Boat-shaped Coffins in Chengdu City, Sichuan Province; Site of Sanxingdui in Guanghan City, Sichuan Province 29C.BC-5C.BC (2013)

Natural sites
• Shennongjia Nature Reserve (1996)
• Dongzhai Port Nature Reserve (1996)
• The Alligator Sinensis Nature Reserve (1996)
• Poyang Nature Reserve (1996)
• The Lijiang River Scenic Zone at Guilin (1996)
• Jinfushan Scenic Spot (2001)
• Heaven Pit and Ground Seam Scenic Spot (2001)
• Wudalianchi Scenic Spots (2001)
• Taklimakan Desert—Populus euphratica Forests (2010)
• China Altay (2010)
• Karakorum-Pamir (2010)
• Dunhuang Yardangs (2015)
• Fanjingshan (2015)
• Qinghai Hoh Xil (2015)
• Xinjiang Yardang (2015)

Mixed
• Yalong, Tibet (2001)
• Yangtze Gorges Scenic Spot (2001)
• Hua Shan Scenic Area (2001)
• Yandang Mountain (2001)
• Nanxi River (2001)
• Maijishan Scenic Spots (2001)
• Haitan Scenic Spots (2001)
• Dali Chanshan Mountain and Erhai Lake Scenic Spot (2001)
• The Four Sacred Mountains as an Extension of Mt. Taishan (2008)
• ShuDao (2015)
• Tianzhushan (2015)
• Tulin-Guge Scenic and Historic Interest Areas (2015)

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 38 inscriptions on the Representative List
• Chinese Zhusuan, knowledge and practices of mathematical calculation through the abacus (2013)
• Strategy for training coming generations of Fujian puppetry practitioners (2012)
• Chinese Shadow Puppetry (2011)
• Acupuncture and moxibustion of traditional Chinese medicine (2010)
• Peking opera (2010)
• China engraved block printing technique (2009)
• Chinese calligraphy (2009)
• Chinese paper-cut (2009)
• Chinese traditional architectural craftsmanship for timber-framed structures (2009)
• Farmers’ dance of China’s Korean ethnic group (2009)
• Gesar epic tradition (2009)
• Grand song of the Dong ethnic group (2009)
• Hua’er (2009)
• Manas (2009)
• Mongolian art of singing: Khoomei (2009)
• Nanyin (2009)
• Regong arts (2009)
• Sericulture and silk craftsmanship of China (2009)
• The Dragon Boat festival (2009)
• The Mazu belief and customs (2009)
• The art of Chinese seal engraving (2009)
• The craftsmanship of Nanjing Yunjin brocade (2009)
• The traditional firing technology of Longquan celadon (2009)
• The traditional handicrafts of making Xuan paper (2009)
• Tibetan opera (2009)
• Xi’an wind and percussion ensemble (2009)
• Yueju opera (2009)
• Kun Qu Opera (2008)
• The Guqin and its Music (2008)
• The Uygur Muqam of Xinjiang (2008)
• Urtiin Duu - Traditional Folk Long Song (2008) ; (multinational entry: China – Mongolia)

List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding
• Hezhen Yimaken storytelling (2011)
• Meshrep (2010)
• The watertight-bulkhead technology of Chinese junks
• Wooden movable-type printing of China (2010)
• Qiang New Year festival (2009)
• Traditional Li textile techniques: spinning, dyeing, weaving and embroidering (2009)
• Traditional design and practices for building Chinese wooden arch bridges (2009)

17. Memory of the World: 9 inscriptions
• Traditional Music Sound Archives (1997) - Music Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Arts, Beijing
• Records of the Qing's Grand Secretariat (1999) - First Historical Archives of China, Palace Museum, Beijing
• Ancient Naxi Dongba Literature Manuscripts (2003)
• Golden Lists of the Qing Dynasty Imperial Examination (2005)
• Qing Dynasty Yangshi Lei Archives (2007)
• Huang Di Nei Jing (Yellow Emperor's Inner Canon) (2011)
• Ben Cao Gang Mu (Compendium of Materia Medica) (2011)
• Qiaopi and Yinxin Correspondence and Remittance Documents from Overseas Chinese (2013)
• Official Records of Tibet from the Yuan Dynasty China, 1304-1367 (2013)

18. Creative Cities Network: 8 cities
• Shenzhen, Shanghai and Beijing (Cities of Design)
• Chengdu and Shunde (Cities of Gastronomy)
• Hangzhou, Jingdezhen and Suzhou (Cities of Crafts and Fork Art)

Note: China is the most active member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

19. Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 24 non-ratified

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: none

21. Participation Programme:
• 2014-2015: 4 projects approved, for a total amount of US$ 98,000
• 2012-2013: 3 projects approved, for a total amount of US$ 72,000
• 2010-2011: 6 projects approved, for a total amount of US$ 139,000

22. **Fellowships:** 119 fellowships awarded between 2010 and 2014, for a total amount of US$ 372,485 and in 2015, 36 fellowships selected as of August 2015.

23. **Voluntary contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes (expressed in US Dollars):**

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24. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:** paid for 2014
   (Assessment rate: 5.148%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US$ 33,616,440)

25. **Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented**
   10 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 18, max. 30)