

**Congratulations Remarks on behalf of ICOMOS China  
For the VIII International Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS Russia**

Dear President Leonid Kondrashev,  
Dear Colleagues and Friends of ICOMOS Russia,

On behalf of ICOMOS China, I wish to extend our warmest congratulations on the VIII International Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS Russia. This important gathering not only brings together leading experts and practitioners from across the world but also highlights the crucial role of cultural heritage in shaping sustainable and vibrant urban futures.

The themes of this year's symposium—ranging from the preservation and adaptation of cultural heritage sites to their integration into the modern urban economy—resonate deeply with our shared mission. The discussions on World Heritage cities, restoration practices, legal protection, and monitoring mechanisms reflect the urgent global need to balance development with the safeguarding of our common heritage.

Over the years, experts of ICOMOS China have built cooperative relations with colleagues from ICOMOS Russia, grounded in our mutual commitment to advancing cultural heritage conservation. We look forward to strengthening this cooperation further in the coming years, exchanging experiences, and working together to meet the complex challenges facing our cultural legacy today.

I wish the symposium great success and all participants inspiring discussions and fruitful outcomes that will contribute to the international heritage community and beyond.

With warm regards,  
Dr. Song Xinchao  
President of ICOMOS China