

REPORT OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR MONUMENTS AND SITES HELD AT THE CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE, DALABA STREET, WUSE ZONE 5 ABUJA ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2024.

The 2024 International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day) was commemorated on 17th December, 2024, at the Chinese Cultural Centre in Abuja. The event was attended by dignitaries from various organizations, retired directors from the ministry, cultural enthusiasts, and stakeholders in the culture/creative industry.



2. The International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day) is an annual event celebrated globally to raise awareness on the importance of preserving cultural heritage sites and monuments.



3. Recommendations:

- The Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Art, Culture, tourism and Creative Economy may wish to prioritize the preservation of cultural heritage sites and monuments.
- Stakeholders should work together to address challenges facing cultural heritage sites.
- There is a need for increased awareness and education on the importance of cultural heritage sites and monuments.
- The private sector should be encouraged to support the preservation of cultural heritage sites and monuments.
- The Ministry may wish to implement a mandatory academic training program for all new staff upon entry into the ministry conducted by the National Institute for Cultural Orientation (NICO).

4. Conclusion:

The commemoration of the 2024 International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day) was a success. The event highlighted the importance of our cultural heritage sites and monuments, and the need to preserve them.

5. The programme came to a close with the closing remarks by Rev. Dr Anamah N.U.B PhD, the deputy director overseeing the department of Cultural Industries and Heritage. He appreciated all the directors and various cultural stakeholders for making it to the event. He further emphasized the need to always include the retired directors in all the ministry's programmes to draw from their wealth of knowledge and experience.