

# Heritage Informa Centre

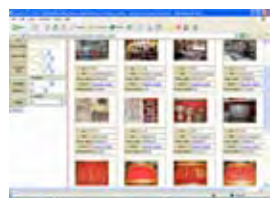


## Who are we and what do we do?

The Heritage Information Centre “Heuanchan” is part of a project using information and communications technology to aid in the management of World Heritage sites and also promote sustainable development. Working in cooperation with UNESCO, La Maison du Patrimoine (Heritage House) and Tokyo Institute of Technology, we are transcribing Luang Prabang’s historic, environmental and cultural heritage into an extensive database and also educating the local community and business sector on the need to sustain Luang Prabang’s unique assets.

Over a three-year period, our project is developing a detailed database which is freely available to all. Anticipated benefits include:

- raising awareness of the importance of preserving Luang Prabang’s unique heritage.
- providing information on conservation and renovation methods.
- encouraging tourists to learn as much as possible about heritage conservation and sustainable tourism.
- promoting Luang Prabang as a community and tourist destination with a strong commitment to conservation and sustainable development.





## What can you experience?

At our Information Centre behind Vat Xieng Mouane, which is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm, visitors can:

- View an exhibition on the historic, cultural and social features of Luang Prabang, including the many conservation initiatives underway.
- Discover more about the historic city by accessing the heritage database. This easy-to-use resource contains a wealth of text and photos on the city's history, culture and architectural styles, as well as scenic photographs and interactive maps.
- Ask our knowledgeable staff about the city's heritage and efforts to preserve it.
- A digital copy of the photos are freely available and we would appreciate any photos you would like to donate to our database.
- Visit the gift shop which sells T-shirts, caps, hats and books on Luang Prabang.