

# KOREAN CULTURAL HERITAGE ENGLISH NAMING ONLINE GUIDELINE & GLOSSARY

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## **OVERVIEW**

- Introduction to Korean cultural heritages and their naming
- History behind the official English name guideline
- Overview of the online service
- Things we plan to add to the service in the future

Management, categorization, and examples

# UNDERSTANDING KOREA'S CULTURAL HERITAGES

# WHAT IS CULTURAL HERITAGE?

Cultural Heritage is an expression of the ways of living developed by a community and passed on from generation to generation, including customs, practices, places, objects, artistic expressions and values. Cultural Heritage is often expressed as either Intangible or Tangible Cultural Heritage

- International Council on Monuments and Sites, 2002



Official preservation and management system



Overseen by

Cultural Heritage Administration

Local governments

UNESCO, museums, institutions

# PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

## CATEGORIZED IN THREE WAYS

#### Form

- Tangible
- Intangible
- Monumental
- Folk

#### Level / Agent

- State / CHA
- (Special) City-Province / Local governments

#### Type

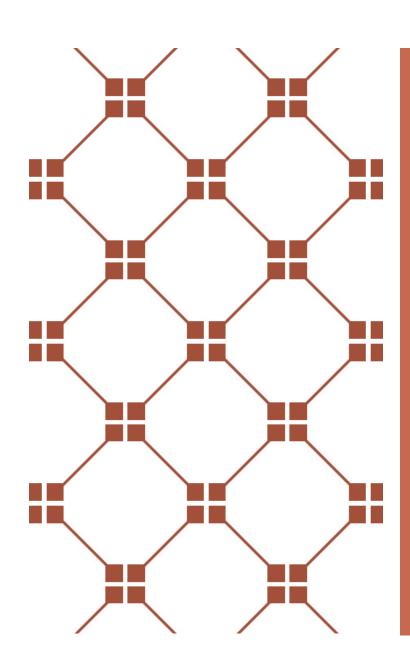
- Designated
- Registered
- Non-designated

Type	Level	Tangible		Monumental			Intangible	Folk
Designated	State	National Treasure	Treasure	Historic Site	Scenic Site	Natural Monument	National Intangible Cultural Heritage	National Folklore Cultural Heritage
	City/Province	Tangible Cultura	al Heritages	Monument			Intangible Cultural Heritage	Folklore Heritage
Registered	Cultural Heritage of Early Modern Times							
Undesignated	Movable or Buried							

# CULTURAL HERITAGE CLASSIFICATIONS

EXAMPLES/CHARACTERISTICS BY FORM

Korea's Cultural Heritages (In Korean)



## NAMING PRACTICES

Who names the heritages and by what guidelines are they named?

# HOW THE HERITAGES ARE NAMED

Named by the CHA/Local governments

Information on the heritage's characteristics or attributes must be included in the name

Therefore, understanding the heritage's name is an important first step to understanding the heritage itself

# **EXAMPLES**

## 청자 상감모란문 표주박모양 주전자

Celadon Gourd-shaped Ewer with Inlaid Peony Design

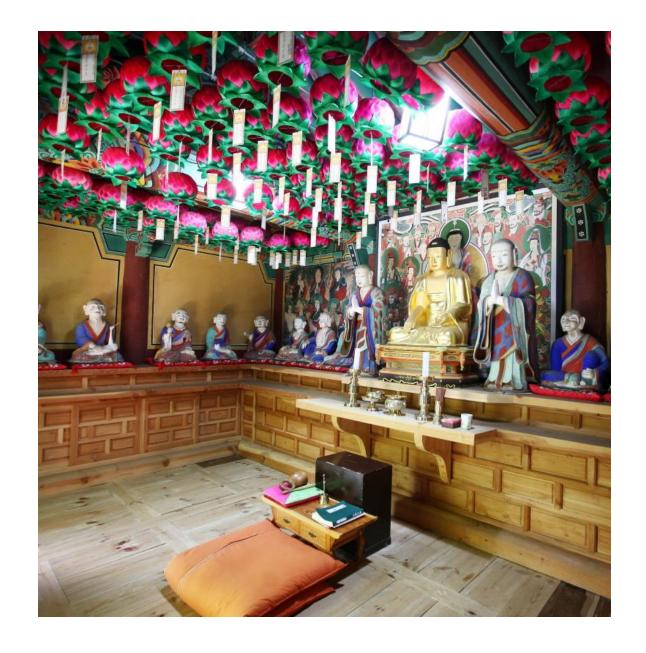


## 청자상감모란문 표주박모양 주전자 CELADON GOURD-SHAPED EWER WITH INLAID PEONY DESIGN

- Korean
  - Material → Method → Design → Shape → Type
- English
  - Material → Shape → Type → (with) Method → Design

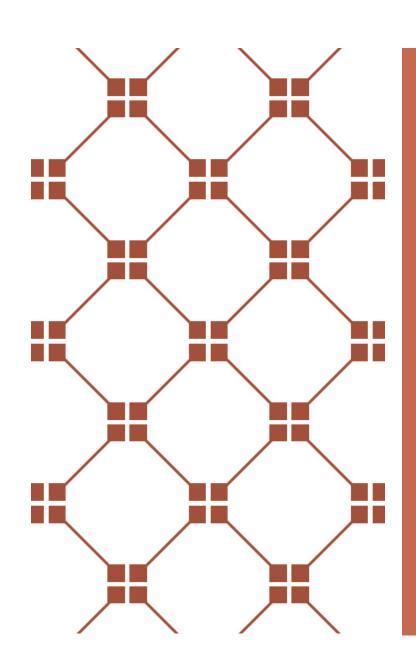
#### 나주 다보사 목조석가여래삼존상 및 소조십육나한좌상

Wooden Sakyamuni Buddha Triad and Clay Seated Sixteen Arhats of Dabosa Temple, Naju



# 나주 다보사 목조석가여래삼존상 및 소조십육나한좌상 WOODEN SAKYAMUNI BUDDHA TRIAD AND CLAY SEATED SIXTEEN ARHATS OF DABOSA TEMPLE, NAJU

- Korean
  - Locale → Site
  - Material → Depiction → Type
- English
  - Material → Depiction/Form
  - Site → Locale



# ENGLISH NAMING GUIDELINES

# PRIOR TO 2010

#### No official reference material

- For translating the names of cultural heritages in particular
- Some translation/glossary sites relating to Korean history or tourism
- •Tourism Terminology Foreign Language Glossary / Korea Tourism Organization
- •Korean Studies English Glossary and Thesaurus / Academy of Korean Studies
- •Korean History Terminology English Thesaurus / National History Institute
- •Seoul City Foreign Language Dictionary / Seoul City Government

#### Growing interest in Korean cultural heritages

- Continued UNESCO heritage designations
- Foreign tourists and international academics

→ Reference material needed

### 2010-2014

Published a standard guideline and glossary for translating the official titles of the heritages into English



#### Objective

Provide reference material for translations

Minimize translation errors

Keep the English names consistent with the official Korean titles



Analyzed the Korean names of all ~4,300 state-level designated and registered cultural heritages

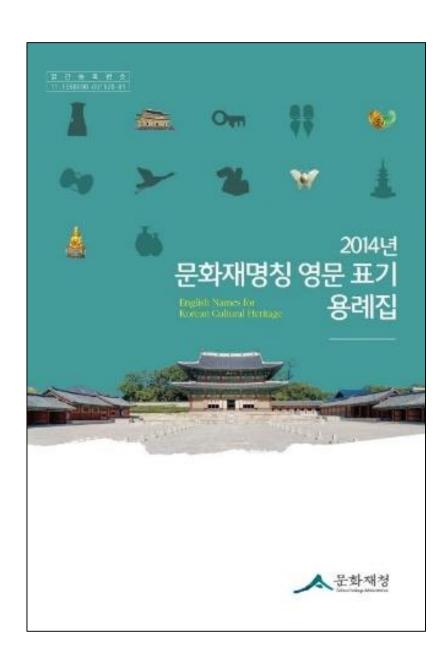


Extracted data on naming elements



Proposed a method for combining the naming elements for each heritage form

# GUIDELINE ESTABLISHMENT PROCESS



# GUIDELINE & GLOSSARY

# WEAKNESSES OF THE EXISTING GUIDELINE & GLOSSARY



Book/PDF



Difficult for the people who needed it to get ahold of it



Difficult to search for needed information or examples



Organized by heritage type – not form



Not all naming elements included



### Update

Verification and supplementation of the existing guideline

Propose English-language descriptions of post-2014 designated heritages



## Improve Accessibility

Make the existing guideline and glossary content into a database

Establishing an online service system that makes it easy to search the data

# ONLINE & GUIDELINE & GLOSSARY SYSTEM

# TARGET AUDIENCE AND OBJECTIVE



### **Target Audience**

CHA & local government officials

Translators
Foreign students of Korean studies



### Objective

Find the appropriate translations for the individual naming elements

Make it easier to search for similar examples to reference

Include definitions of the terms to aid in understanding
Visualize how the naming elements are related conceptually

# GLOSSARY WAS GROUPED INTO 18 CATEGORIES BASED ON HERITAGE FORM

**Traditional** Buddhist Early Modern Historic Sites **Tombs** Scenic Sites Buildings Buildings Buildings Buddhist Buddhist Records **Buddhist Statues** Inscriptions **Paintings Paintings** Documents Tools, Items, and Intangible Crafts Natural Heritage Stone Sculptures Pottery Clothing Heritage

English Naming Method

영문 명칭 표기 방법

Explanation of how to use the naming elements when constructing the English title Naming Element 명명 요소

A list of the all the relevant naming elements

Includes Korean, Chinese, and English side-by-side

Glossary of Use Cases

사용 용례

Glossary of typical use cases in the category

Included compound words, semantic translations added to Romanizations, etc Complete List of Titles

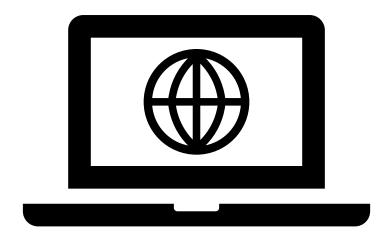
명칭리스트

A complete list of the heritages which fall into the category

Includes ID number and designation number, image, classification, title (Korean, Chinese, English), reference, and conceptual network

# THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR EACH CATEGORY

## ONLINE GUIDELINE & GLOSSARY



#### Currently a part of the **AKS Cultural Heritage Wiki**

- MediaWiki software-based website
- Workspace / archive
- Cultural heritage interpretive text review & translation
- Since 2015

2019 Online Guideline & Glossary Main Page

# PLANNED FUTURE TASKS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE



Provide a complete list of current heritages



Make it possible to access the desired information by a simple search



Create a page of all the naming elements



Make it possible to search for all the heritages which include a particular naming element



Add definitions to the naming elements



Add English-language explanations of how to create English titles



Create a semantic network of the naming elements

## **EXAMPLE PROJECT**

Visualization of terms and the heritages related to them

First Under Heaven

Semantic Museum of Korean Ceramics



THANKYOU | Any questions?