

# Call for Participation

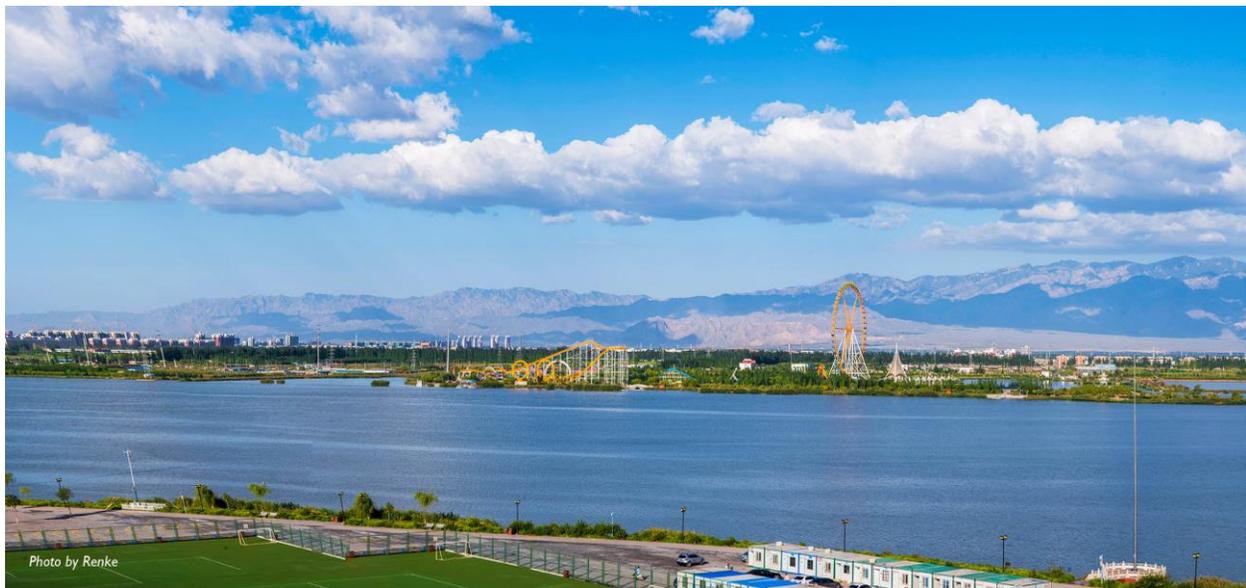
The Chinese Centre of ITI is now calling for the participation of the first meeting of The Traditional Performing Arts Forum (TPAF), which will be held on 18-22 June 2017 in Yinchuan, China.

TPAF, approved by the 144th ITI EC Session in 2016, aims to the protection of the traditional performing arts and promoting academic exchanges in the field.

Events will include traditional theatre information exchange, discussion and networking, Chinese "Xiqu" workshops, international workshops on traditional performing arts, and free access to the plays of the 15th China Theater Festival during the stay in Yinchuan.

TPAF looks forward to the participation of the traditional theatre practitioners, scholars and leaders or delegates from ITI centres. [Click here](#) to check the draft agenda of the events and the introduction of the City Yinchuan.

Chinese Centre of ITI will provide the participants meals, accommodation and local transportation. For more information, please write to [ctawangling@163.com](mailto:ctawangling@163.com) or [pangjinlai@163.com](mailto:pangjinlai@163.com) before 20 February.



# Draft Agenda of the First Meeting of Traditional Performing Arts Forum of ITI

## **June 18, Sunday**

1. Arrival
2. Attending the Opening Ceremony of 15th China Theater Festival at night

## **June 19, Monday**

1. Launching of the ITI Traditional Performing Arts Forum, discussion and approval of the framework
2. Traditional Theater Information exchange and discussion
3. Watching Chinese Theater production at night

## **June 20, Tuesday**

1. Traditional Theater Information exchange and discussion
2. 2017 Asia-Pacific Regional meeting
3. International and Chinese traditional theater workshops
4. Watching Chinese Theater production at night

## **June 21, Wednesday**

1. Visit the local traditional theater troupes and facilities, excursion
2. Traditional theater networking
3. Watching Chinese Theater production at night

## **June 22, Thursday**

Departure

**Yinchuan City** is the capital of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China, and former capital of the Western Xia Empire of the Tanguts. It has an area of 4,467 km<sup>2</sup> (1,725 sq mi) and a total population of 1.99 million.

Yinchuan lies in the middle of the Yinchuan or Ningxia Plain. It is sheltered from the deserts of Mongolia by the high ranges of the Helan Mountains to its west. The Yellow River runs through Yinchuan from southwest to northeast. The urban center of Yinchuan lies about halfway between the Yellow River and the edge of Helan Mountains.

The name of the city literally means "silver river". It has long earned the fame of a "River Side City in the Northwest". Thanks to the Yellow River, Yinchuan enjoys beautiful natural scenery and favorable conditions for agriculture. It is also known as "Home to Fishes and Rice". Yinchuan is now the permanent site for China-Arab Expo which is an international platform for cultural and economic exchanges between China and Arab countries.

The history of Yinchuan can trace back to the 1st century BC. Traditionally it was an administrative and commercial center. After the fall of the Tang dynasty in 907, it was occupied by the Tangut Xi-Xia dynasty, of which it was the capital. With the establishment of the Ningxia Hui autonomous region in 1958, Yinchuan once again became the capital.

The vast land, intensively irrigated by a system developed as long ago as the Han (206 BC–AD 220) and Tang (618–907) dynasties, is extremely productive. Yinchuan is the chief agricultural market and distribution center for this area. It is also the center for the Muslim (Hui) minority peoples, who constitute a third of the population.

Yinchuan currently serves as a major trade route between Western cities such as Ürümqi and the East. The city's attractions include the Sand-lake, the Western Xia tombs, and the China Western film Studios. There are two pagodas in Yinchuan that are part of the 'Eight Famous Scenery of Ningxia': one is the Haibao Pagoda in the northern suburb and the other is the Chengtiansi Pagoda in the west. It is also possible to see parts of the Great Wall which are located near the city.



Location in China



Taizi Great Mosque



Yinchuan Drum Tower