



## WARRIORS OF QIN

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MY COLLECTION IS BASED ON THE TERRACOTTA \x/ARRIORS OF THE FIRST EMPEROR OF CHINA THE TERRACOTTA ARMY IS A FORM OF FUNERARY ART A BATTALION OF CLAY FIGURES BUILT BY ORDER OF THE FIRST EMPEROR OF A UNIFIED CHINA (QIN SHI HUANG) AND BURIED WITH THE EMPEROR IN 210 BC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE EMPEROR IN HIS AFTERLIFE IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE ARCHAELOGICAL FINDS IN HISTORY AND DESIGNATED A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE AN ENTIRE ARMY OF THOUSANDS OF FULL-SIZE CLAY WARRIORS HORSES AND CARRIAGES WERE UNEARTHED 35 METERS DEEP THE WARRIORS ARE INCREDIBLY REALISTIC AND FEEL LIKE THEY COULD JUST WAKE UP AND START MARCHING LIKE THEY DID OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO A CLAY HEAD DISCOVERED IN 1974 BY SOME FARMERS BUILDING A WELL NEAR THE CITY OF XIÁN WAS JUST THE BEGINNING OF AN ENDLESS DISCOVERY THE DIG STILL GOES ON TODAY AS MORE THAN 7000 UNIQUE FIGURES HAVE BEEN UNEARTHED ALL THE ITEMS SHOWN ARE A PART OF MY COLLECTION AND THE IMAGES ARE SAMPLES OF THE PHILATELIC MATERIAL WHICH I HAVE COLLECTED OVER THE YEARS THE COLLECTION SHOWS EMPEROR QIN SHI HUANG AND HIS TERRACOTTA

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#### 246 BC: Construction began

The Terracotta Army's construction began as a protection for the tomb of China's first emperor Qin Shi Huang.

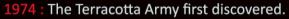


#### 206 BC: Construction was completed.

Over 720 000 builders worked for approximately 40 years to complete the Army.



210 BC: Emperor's death.



Discovered on the 29th March 1974 by farmers digging a well to the east of Xi'an. At a depth of approximately 7 meters they unearthed a life sized Terracotta Warrior. The site was named Pit One and measures 230 metres long by 62 metres wide.

#### 1979: Museum opens to the public.

A museum complex was constructed over the excavation site, and the Terracotta Army is opened to the public.



1976: More pits discovered.

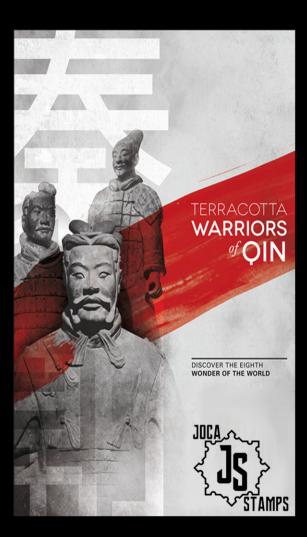
high-ranking officers and a war chariot.

Excavation revealed two further pits. Pit Two has cavalry and infantry units as well as war chariots and is thought to represent a military guard. Pit Three is the command post, with



UNESCO selected the Tomb of the First Emperor (including the Terracotta Army) as a World Cultural Heritage Site.

2011: Three auxiliary museums opened.



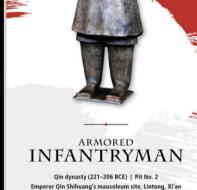


### HIGH-RANKING GENERAL

Qin dynasty (221–206 BCE) | Pit No. 1 Emperor Qin Shihuang's mausoleum site, Lintong, Xi'an

#### DISCOVERED IN 1980

The highest-ranking officers, armored generals were larger in size and had more elaborate armor and distinctive headgear. In real life, the tail feathers of a pheasant would have adorned the general's cap. These hats were only for officers of the highest ranks.



DISCOVERED IN 1978

Every family in the Qin empire was connected to the military.

The First Emperor required one male from each household to serve.

These ordinary people populated the infantry, both armored

(heavy) and unarmored (light), making up the bulk of the fighting force. Military service during the Qin dynasty could be dangerous,

but it also provided opportunities for young men to increase their status through military achievement.



#### STANDING ARCHER

Qin dynasty (221–206 BCE) | Pit No. 2 Emperor Qin Shihuang's mausoleum site, Lintong, Xi'an

#### **DISCOVERED IN 1978**

Knee-length padded coats provided some degree of protection for standing archers. These nimble soldiers surrounded their comrades in formation and were first into battle. The Qin army's archers fired in unison from different angles to ensure a continuous assault on the enemy.



## ARCHER

Qin dynasty (221–206 BCE) | Pit No. 2 Emperor Qin Shihuang's mausoleum site, Lintong, Xi'an

#### **DISCOVERED IN 1977**

Heavy armor protected kneeling archers and their shoe treads provided traction on the battlefield. This archer crouchespoised to take aim and fire. Crossbows required less training to use, were faster to load, were more powerful, and shot farther than long or composite bows.



## OFFICIAL

Qin dynasty (221–206 BCE) | Pit K0006 Emperor Qin Shihuang's mausoleum site, Lintong, Xi'an

#### **DISCOVERED IN 1997**

A centralized and efficient administrative system was essential for maintaining order in the Qin Empire. The First Emperor relied on his officials to oversee the administration of his vast and diverse territory. Every individual and every ounce of grain was tracked through a careful record-keeping system. This official figure, along with several others, was found near 24 horse skeletons and a chariot. He may have played a role in the oversight of the imperial stables.





#### SADDLED HORSE

Qin dynasty (221–206 BCE) | Pit No. 2 Emperor Qin Shihuang's mausoleum site, Lintong, Xi'an

#### **DISCOVERED IN 1987**

The people of the Qin kingdom were renowned horsebreeders, enabling them to become the first warring state to use cavalry in battle. Compared to chariots and infantry, cavalry could navigate terrain with speed and agility and may have been critical to Oin's military success.



## CAVALRYMAN

Qin Dynasty (221–206 BCE) | Pit No. 2 Emperor Qin Shihuang's mausoleum site, Lintong, Xi'an

#### **DISCOVERED IN 1977**

Using cavalry in battle was a strategy the Qin adopted from steppe nomads in the fourth century BCE. Well-suited to rugged terrain, cavalrymen would have served as scouts and raiders. The armor of this cavalryman only goes to his waist, making him lighter and more flexible than more heavily-armored infantry.



## MUSICIAN

Qin dynasty (221–206 BCE) | Pit K0007 Emperor Qin Shihuang's mausoleum site, Lintong, Xi'an

#### **DISCOVERED IN 2001**

The Bureau of Music was responsible for providing entertainment for the emperor. Figures found with the bronze birds originally were thought to be musicians; however, more recently some scholars have begun to consider that they may be of individuals feeding the birds or even weaving nets to catch fish.









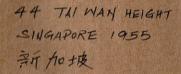


















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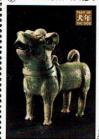


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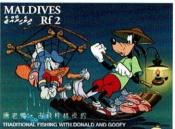
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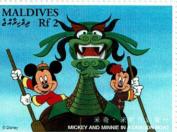
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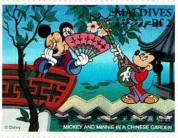




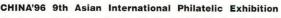


















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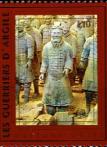


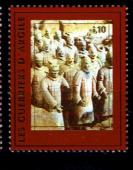










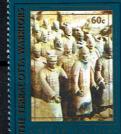








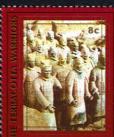




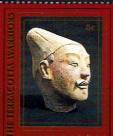












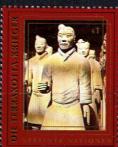


































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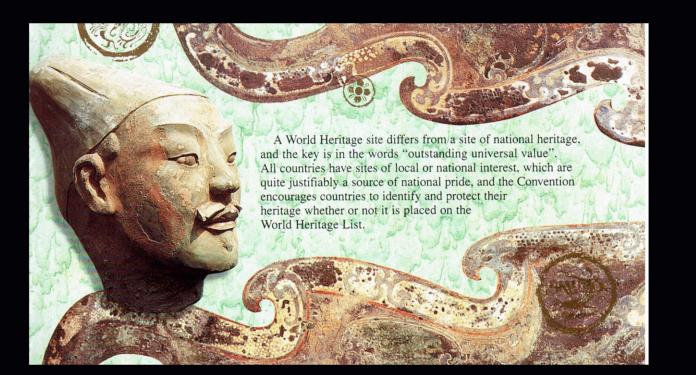


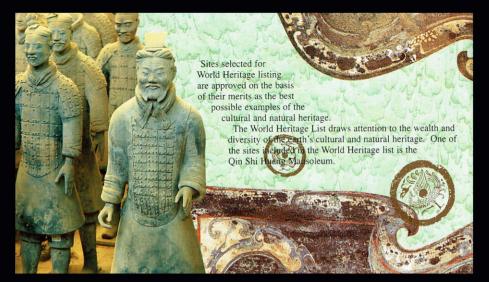
The answer is to be found in the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, which was adopted 25 years ago, on 16 November 1972, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

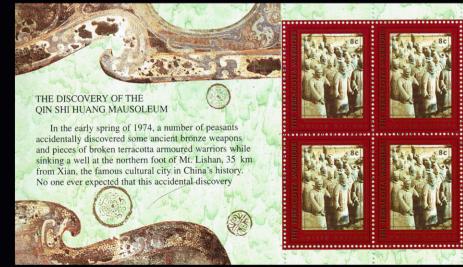
(UNESCO). Under the Convention, countries recognize that the sites located on their national territory which have been inscribed on the World Heritage List constitute, without affecting national sovereignty or ownership, a world heritage "for whose protection it is the duty of the international community as a whole to cooperate".

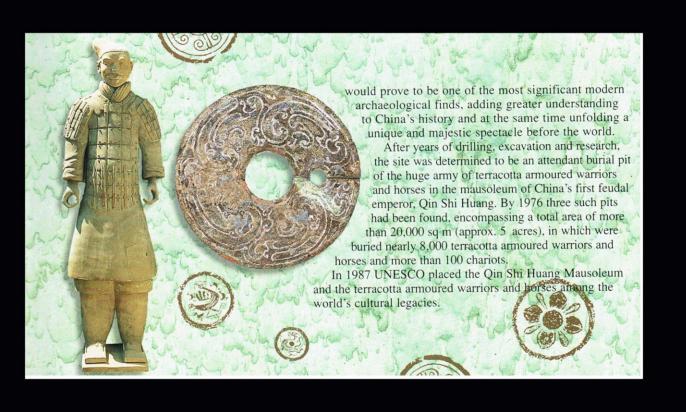
Without the support of other countries, some sites with recognized cultural or natural value would deteriorate or, worse, disappear, often through lack of funding to preserve them. The Convention is thus an agreement, signed by some 150 countries, to contribute the necessary financial and intellectual resources to protect World Heritage sites.

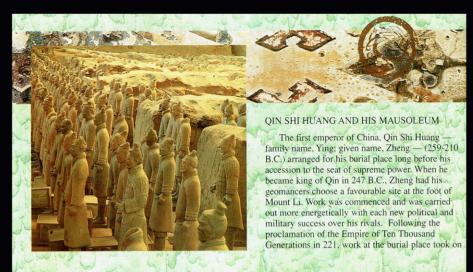


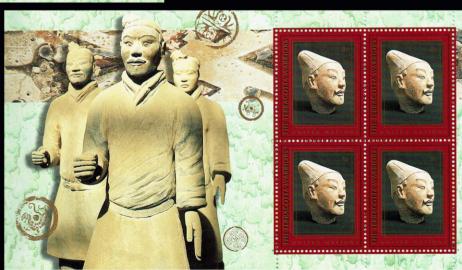


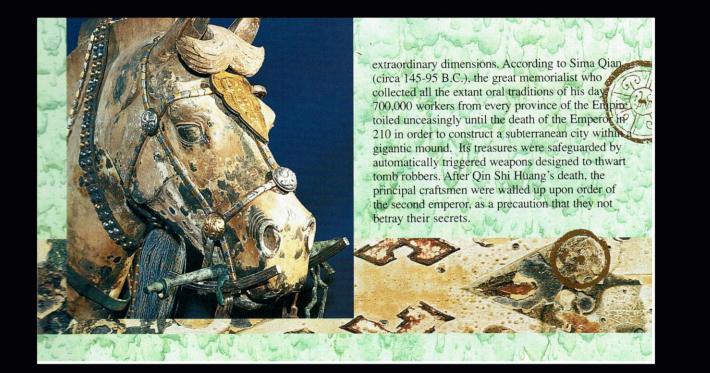


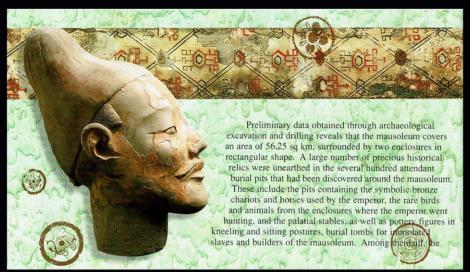




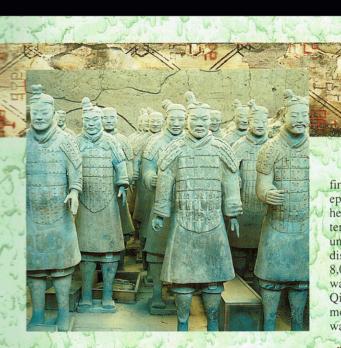




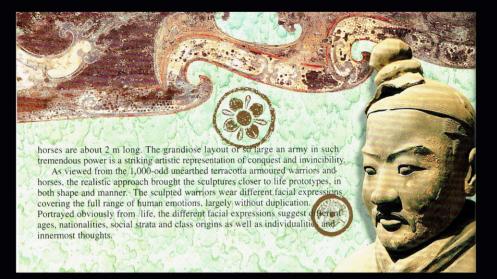




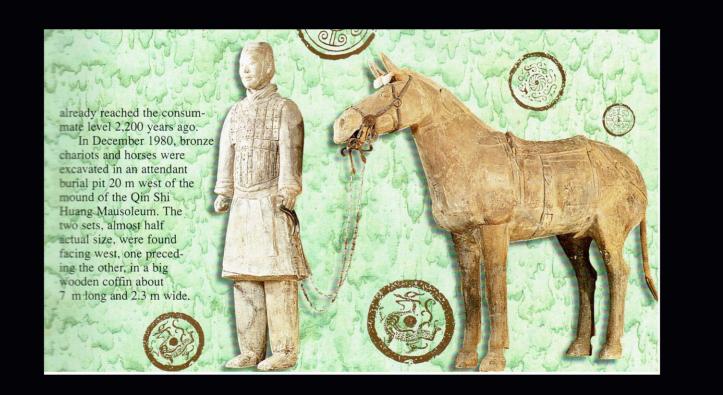


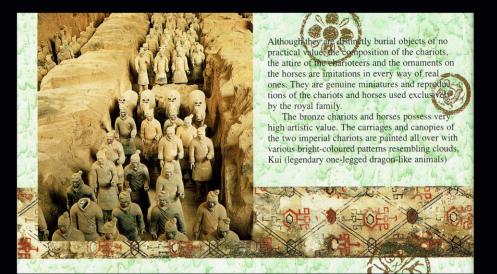


China's sculptural art has a long history and fine national tradition. As far back as the neolitical epoch, there were already painted pottery human heads of small size. However, it was not until the terracotta armoured warriors and horses were unearthed that we witnessed the most splendid display in the history of China's sculpture. Nearly 8,000 life-size sculptures of terracotta armoured warriors and horses are arrayed in imitation of the Qin battle formation in the three pits totalling more than 20,000 sq m. The terracotta armoured warriors are 1.8 to 2 m high, while the terracotta

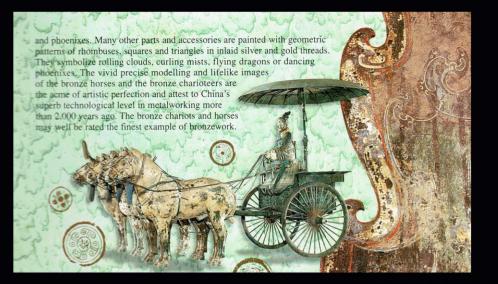












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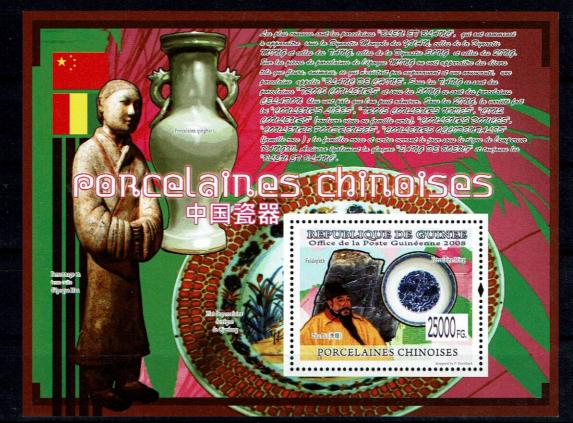




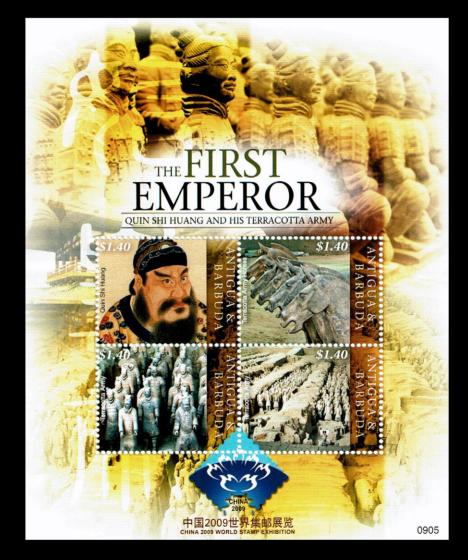






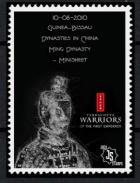


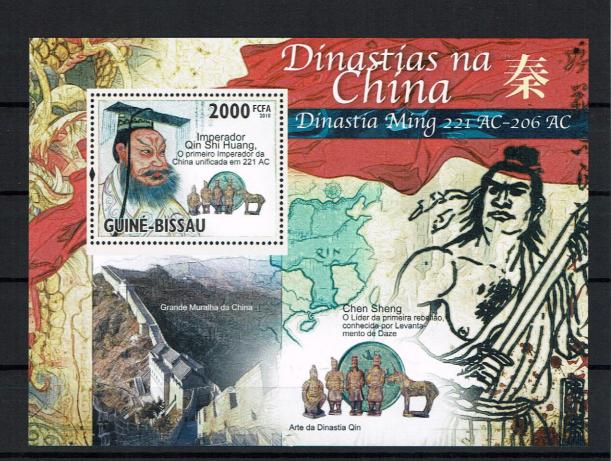




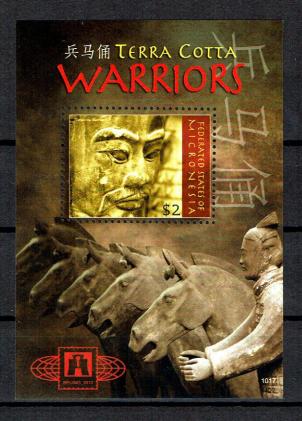


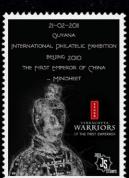


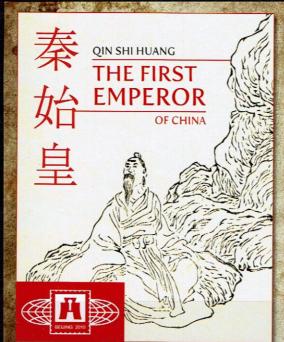






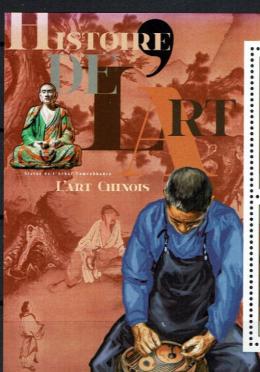


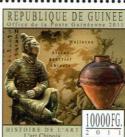














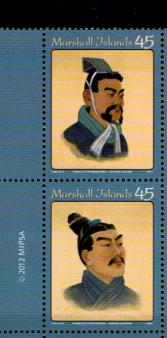
















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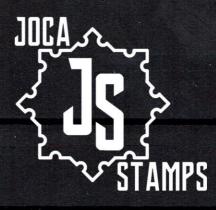




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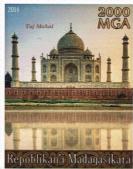


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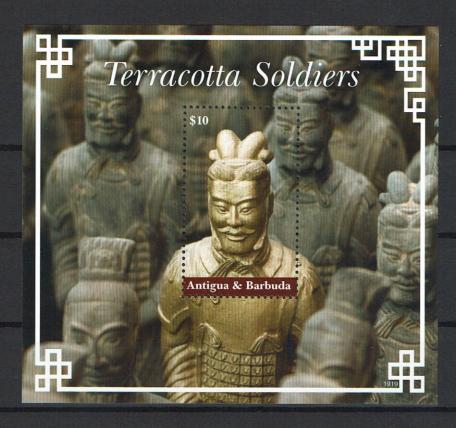
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## Terracotta Soldiers



The Vaults containing the terracotta figures of Qin soldiers and horses are situated at 1.5 kilometers east of the tomb of Qin Shi Huang or the First emperor of the Qin (for his life) in Lintong County, Shaanxi Province. Their excavation in 1974 caused an immediate stir and has since been hailed as another "wonder of the world", the most magnificent archaeological discovery in the twentieth century.





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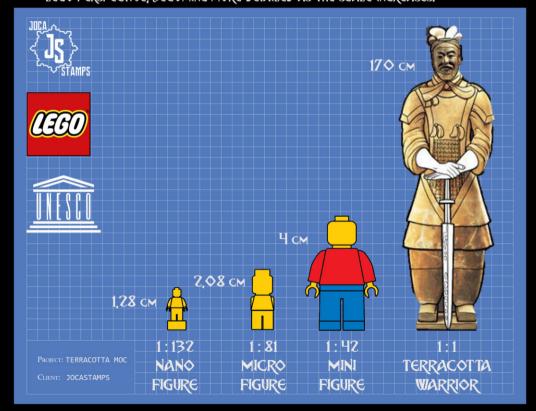


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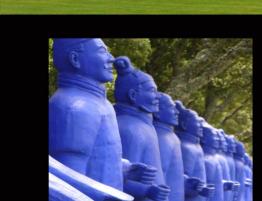
















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