



Heritage Preservation of Shilin – Conserving Taiwan's Unique Identity

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IQP Proposal



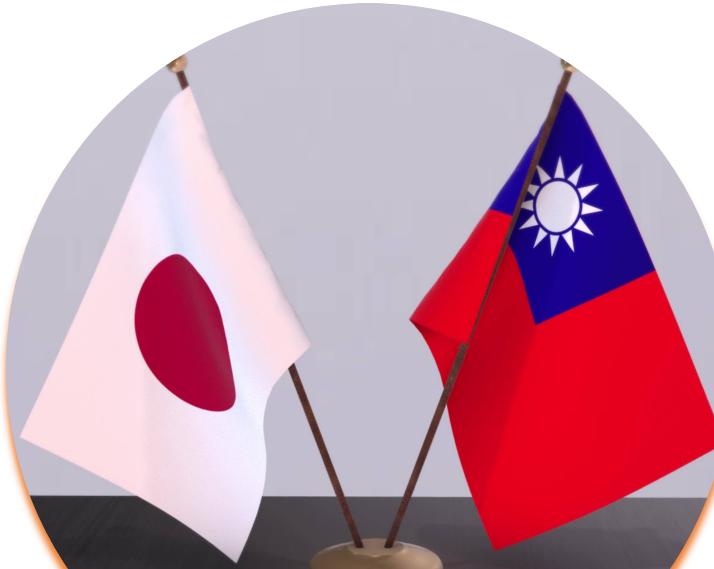


What makes Taiwan's identity unique?

Brief History of Taiwan



China (1683-1895)



Japan (1895-1945)



United States (1945)

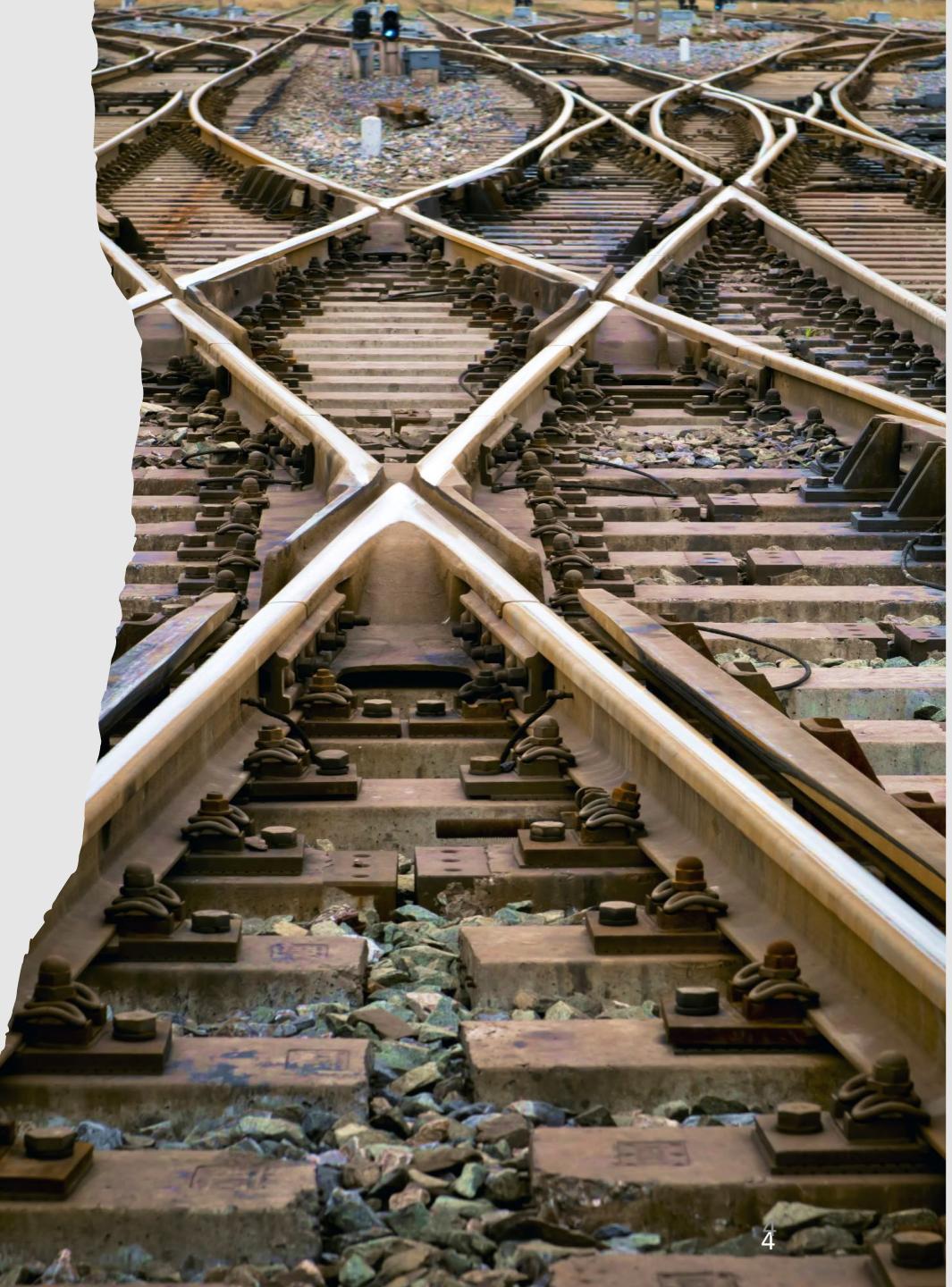
Industrialization in Taiwan



In 1908, Japanese government invested in infrastructure



Industrialization policies aimed at modernizing Taiwan

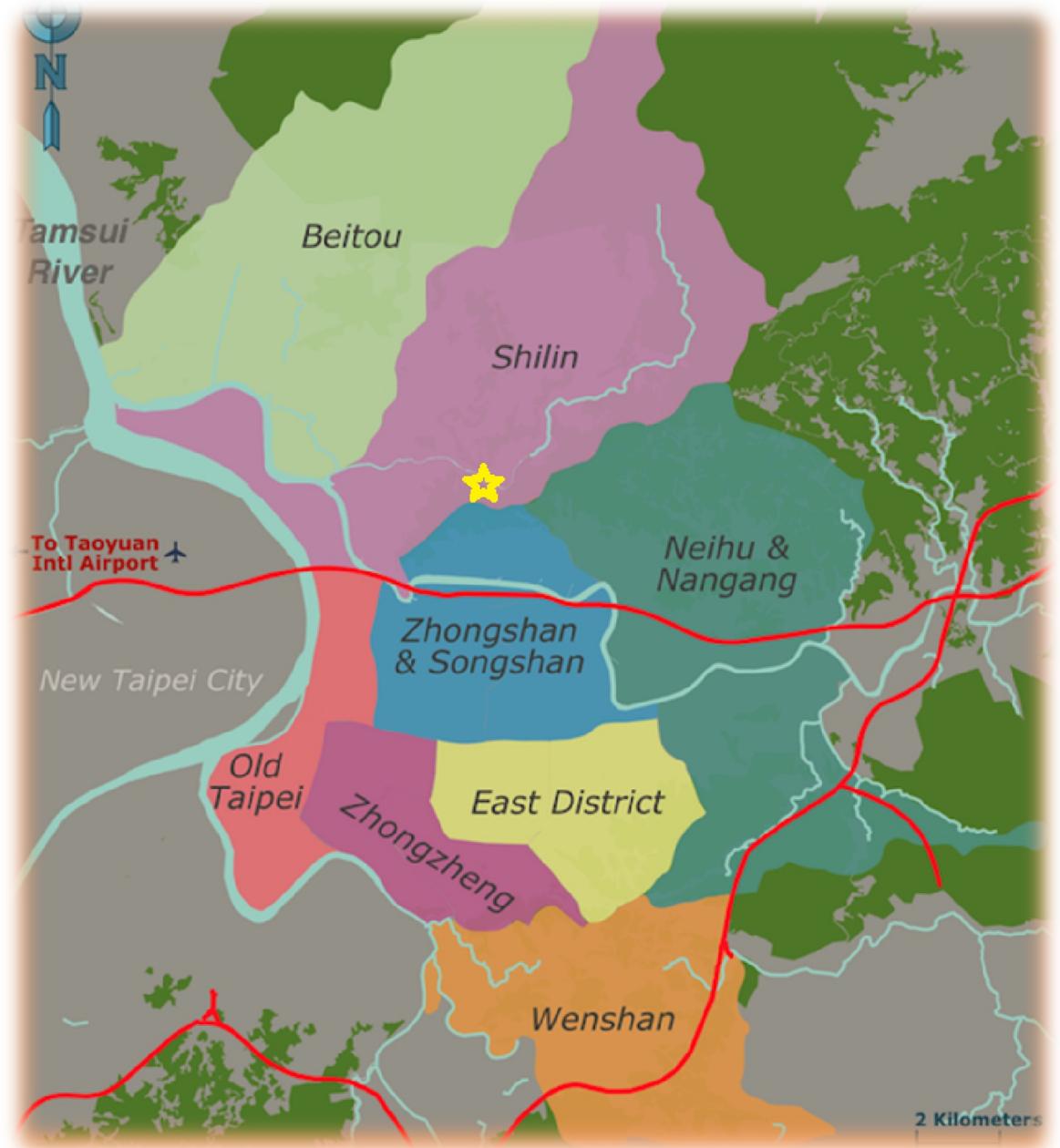


Industrialization in Taiwan



Tea accounted for
over
50%
of Taiwan's total
exports in the
1860's

The Shilin District

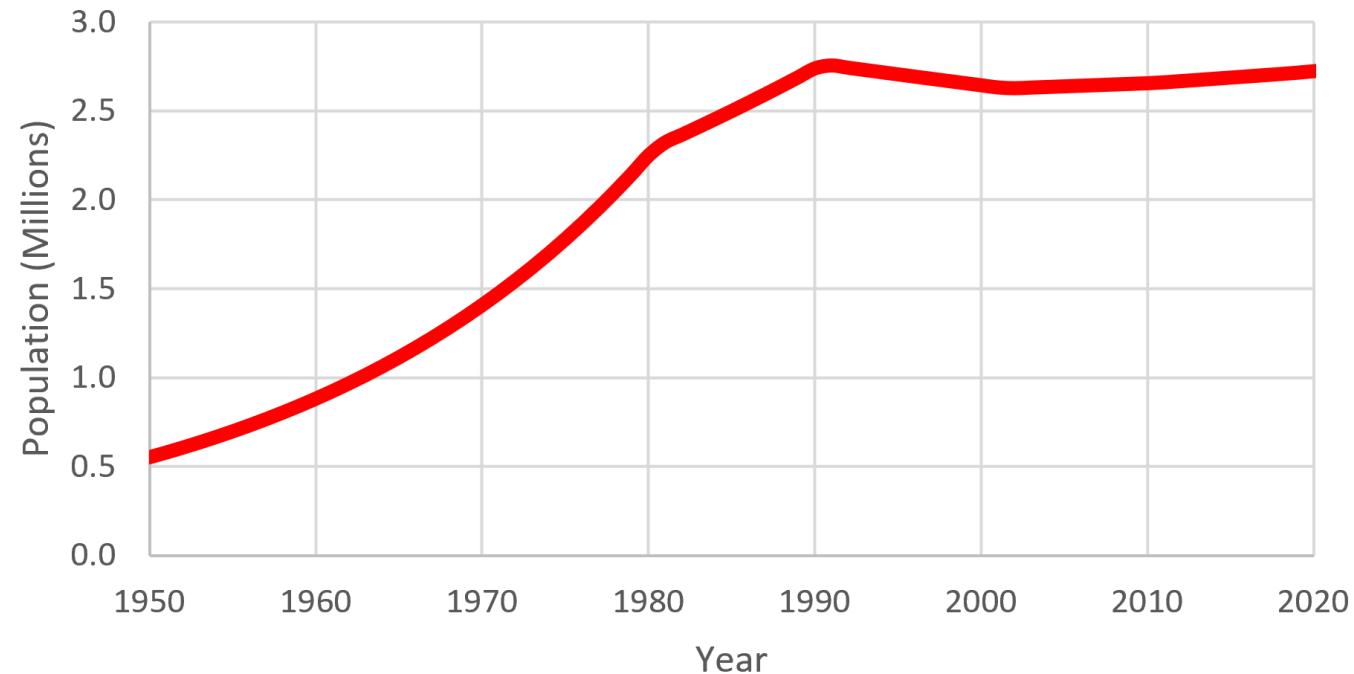


Modernization in and Around Shilin

Shilin Night Market

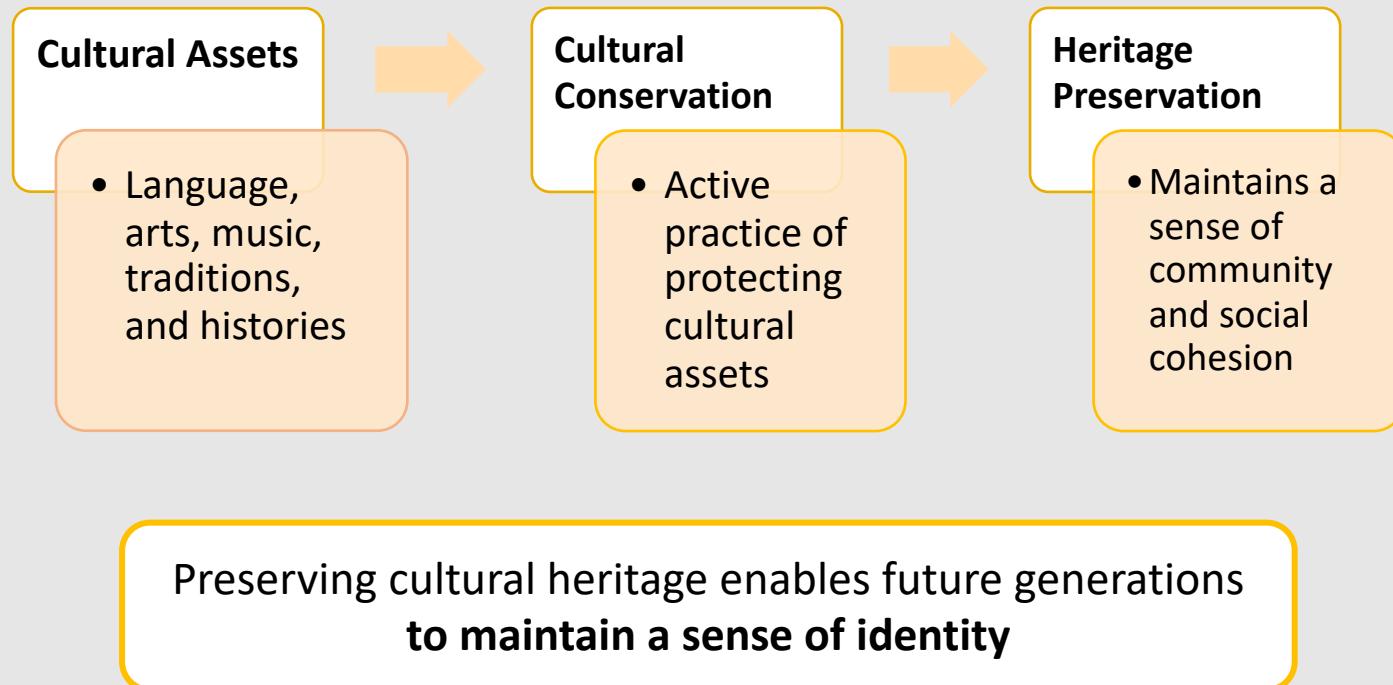


Taipei Population vs Time



Population in Taipei over time

Disconnect Between Modernization and Heritage Preservation



Traditional temple between modern buildings

Research Question and Project Goal

How can we capture the richness of Shilin in ways that resonate with and benefit present day locals and visitors?

By **developing a website** that utilizes digital heritage preservation.





Our Sponsor

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Digital Preservation

90%

of Taiwan has
access to the
internet



Use of internet
leads to an
increase in
digital heritage
(UNESCO)

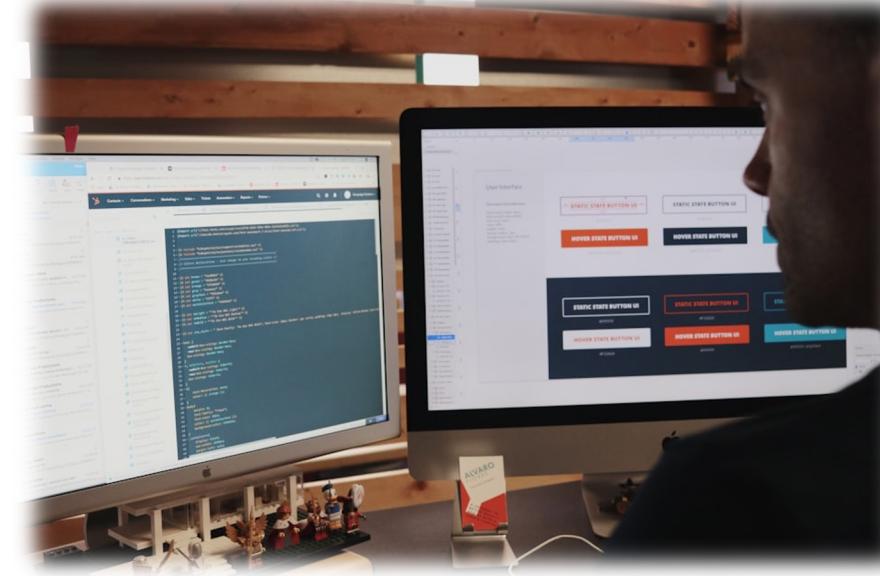


Traditional Taiwanese singing and dancing

Objective 1: Determine Key Features for Website Development



Case Studies



Choosing a Tool to Develop the Website

Objective 2: Collect and Analyze Data



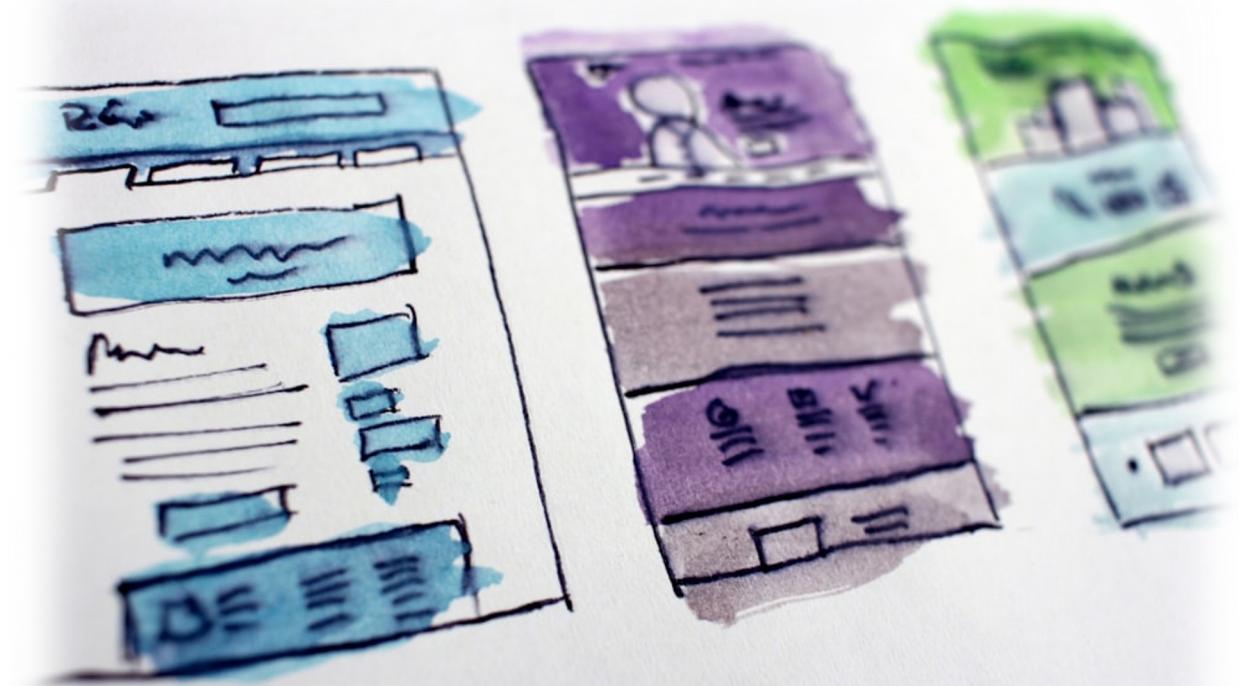
Perform Interviews



Document Cultural Assets

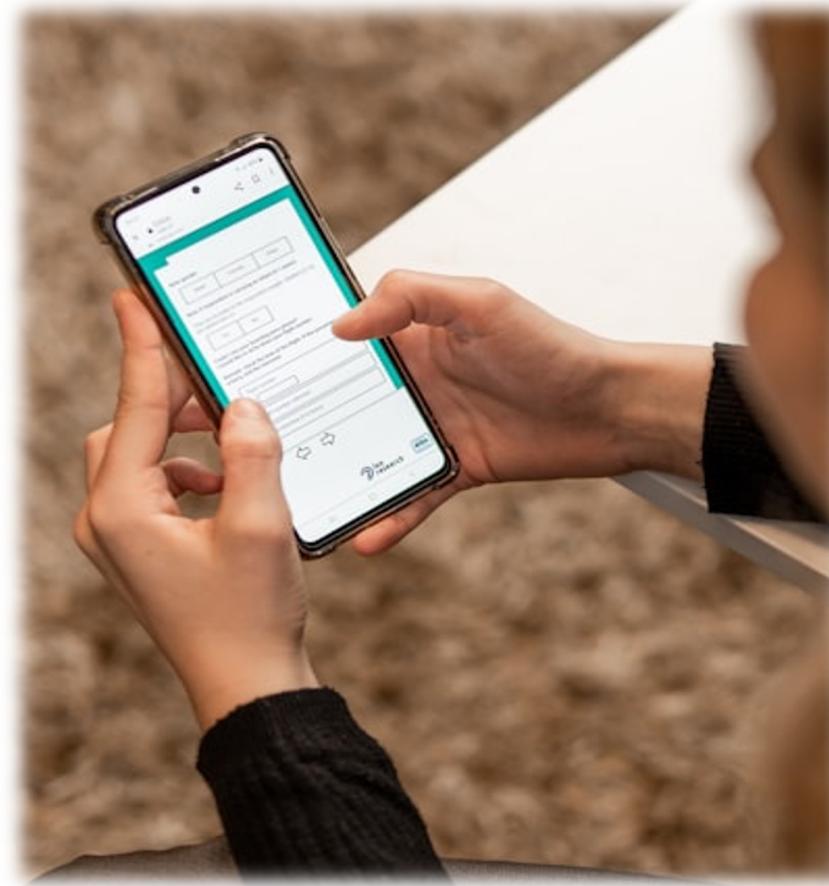
Objective 3: Mockup Website

Mockup Design Review



Objective 4: Develop Final Website and Receive Feedback

Surveys



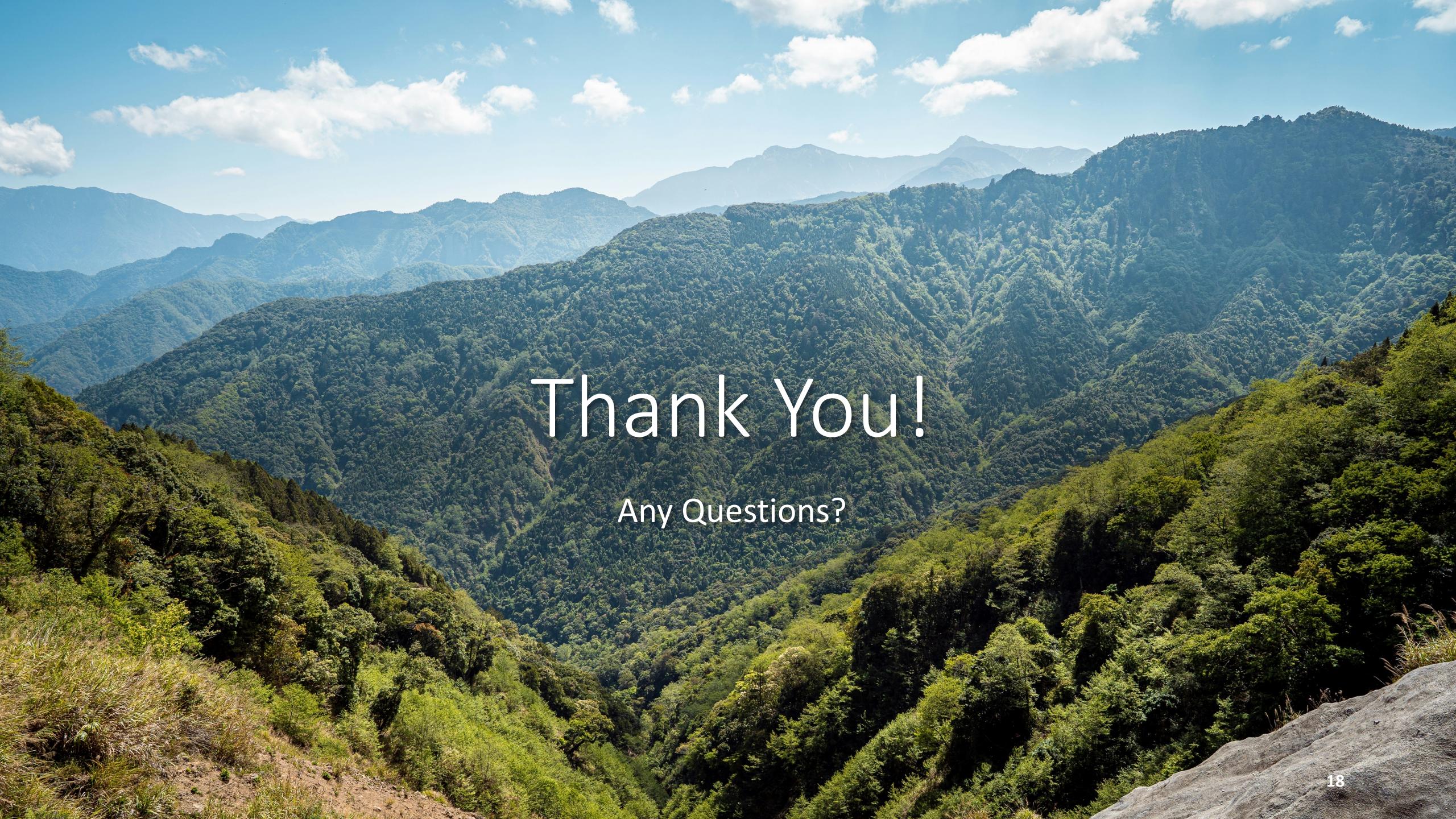


The preservation of cultural heritage is an investment in the present and the future.

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A wide-angle photograph of a mountainous landscape. The foreground is filled with lush green forests on various mountain ridges. In the background, more mountains are visible, creating a layered effect. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with scattered white, fluffy clouds.

Thank You!

Any Questions?

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