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National Coordination for Cultural Heritage Conservation

**Human Resources Development Exchange Program  
under the Mexico-Japan Global Strategic Partnership  
Nichiboku Program, 53rd Edition**

**PROGRAM 1. PREVENTIVE CONSERVATION AND SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE FOR  
CULTURAL HERITAGE IN MEXICO**

**Location:** Mexico City and State of Mexico

**Dates:** September 21–28, 2026, from 9:00 to 16:00

**Host Institution:** National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH)

**Implemented by:** National Coordination for Cultural Heritage Conservation (CNCPC-INAH)

**Languages:** Spanish and English

**Duration:** 48 hours / 6 working days

**Format:** In-person

**Capacity:** Up to 10 participants

**General Objective**

To strengthen the technical capacities of Japanese specialists in preventive conservation and systematic maintenance of cultural heritage through professional exchange with Mexican specialists and the study of experiences developed in Mexico for preventive management, monitoring, and scheduled maintenance of cultural heritage in diverse and complex contexts.

The program aims to share methodologies applied by Mexican institutions for the continuous protection of cultural heritage, early identification of deterioration risks, and implementation of regular maintenance strategies, contributing to the sustainable preservation of cultural heritage and its responsible transmission to future generations.

**Participant Profile**

This course is intended for professionals and students from Japan interested in learning about preventive conservation strategies and scheduled maintenance. It is particularly relevant for:

- Conservators-restorers specialized in cultural heritage
- Specialists in preventive conservation and heritage risk management
- Technical staff from museums and conservation institutions
- Professionals responsible for environmental monitoring and collection maintenance
- Researchers and professionals affiliated with universities or cultural heritage institutes.



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## COURSE OUTLINE

### Day 1 – Introduction to Conservation in Mexico

Venue: CNCPC

*Lectures:*

- a) History and development of conservation in Mexico
- b) Organization, functions, and conservation practice within INAH
- c) National and international legislation and regulations

*Practical session:*

- a) Visit to CNCPC conservation laboratories
- b) Exchange on conservation practices in Mexico and Japan

### Day 2 – Introduction to Mexican Movable Cultural Heritage

Venue: National Museum of History (Chapultepec Castle)

*Lectures:*

- a) General characteristics of Mexican cultural heritage
- b) Diversity of objects and materials in Mexico
- c) Manufacturing techniques

*Practical session:*

- a) The museum building as a passive environmental control system for cultural heritage protection
- b) Organization and optimization of collection storage areas
- c) Monitoring environmental conditions and maintaining stable conservation environments
- d) Institutional strategies for risk prevention and response in museum collections

### Day 3 – Preventive Conservation and Scheduled Maintenance in Collections and Monuments

Venue: Templo Mayor Archaeological Zone and Museum

*Lectures: and Practical session:*

- a) Scheduled maintenance strategies for cultural heritage
- b) Systematic maintenance applied to cultural heritage
- c) Contemporary approaches to preventive conservation
- d) Strategies for sustainable preservation and intergenerational transmission

*Practical sesión-Venue:* Metropolitan Cathedral of Mexico City

- a) Preventive maintenance programs for monuments
- b) Protocols for periodic inspection and monitoring of conservation conditions

### Day 4 – Case Study: National Museum of Anthropology

*Lectures: and Practical session:*

- a) Building envelope as the first line of protection for cultural heritage
- b) Planning and management of storage spaces for reserve collections





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- c) Environmental monitoring, ventilation, and inspection systems
- d) Risk management for cultural heritage: experience of the Museum Risk Plan

### **Day 5 – Preventive Conservation and Scheduled Maintenance in Archaeological Sites**

Venue: Teotihuacán Archaeological Zone

*Lectures: and Practical session:*

- a) Preventive conservation approach in open archaeological sites
- b) Identification of deterioration agents affecting archaeological structures
- c) Systematic maintenance programs for archaeological sites
- d) Risk management for site preservation
- e) Public use management and its relationship with conservation

### **Day 6 – Integration and Application of Preventive Conservation Strategies**

Venue: CNCPC

- a) Participant technical reflections
- b) Technical discussion
- c) Roundtable dialogue
- d) Program synthesis and conclusions
- e) Closing session



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