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### **The League of Historical Cities**

Panel: Sustaining Tradition

This presentation introduces The League of Historical Cities to a wider audience to discuss its composition, aims and objectives. Originating in Kyoto, Japan, the League currently has a membership of 100 historical cities from 59 countries throughout the world. While the focus of modern societies is technological advance, the League aims to promote exchange between cities of excelled historicity on how to best preserve the unique essence found in each of these centers of exceptional human artistic and cultural manifestations.

Through this concentration on culture and equality among the historical cities participating in the organization, the League further aims to promote peace between countries through the emphasis on appreciating the beauty each country has created from centuries past. Moreover, discussions on how to preserve these cities are held during biennial League conferences, the most recent one having been held in Yangzhou, China.