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## **ABSTRACT**

This study was divided into two parts. The first part is the educational trip and fieldwork for approximately two (2) weeks and the second part is the studio work where the whole documentation process took place for approximately seven (7) weeks. The heritage study trip for Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China started on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 and ended on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 where twenty six numbers of students were involved to study the heritage of Great Mosque (Qingzhen Dasi), Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, People's Republic of China. This chapter also explains the scope of work objectives and the whole process this study took place. The study of the project has faced a certain limitation which became the contributing factor to the problems occurred during the study. Therefore, in some situation, the information gained is reviewed and justifications were made according to the availability of supporting evidence from a reliable source.

Keywords: Great Mosque of Hohot, Inner Mongolia, heritage study, architecture

## **OBJECTIVES OF STUDY**

- a) To increase the understanding and appreciation of Islamic Architectural Heritage of the Muslim world and outside it.
- b) To learn the techniques of measured drawings of heritage buildings with emphasis on the building construction, detailing and the research and documentation of the historical aspects of the building and its development.
- c) To appreciate the total concept and richness of the architecture as well as to be able to value the environment and to understand the socio-economic-cultural way of life of local inhabitants.

## SIGNIFICANCES OF CHOSEN BUILDING

Chinese architecture has taken shape in Asia for over many centuries. It has unique structural principles which remained largely unchanged, the main changes being only the