

## Directive of the Central People's Government on the Collection of Revolutionary Cultural Relics

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The Central Revolutionary Museum has set up a preparatory office in Beijing, and has officially started the collection and sorting work. All documents and objects related to the revolution should be generally collected from all regions of the country. I have recently checked that there are individual institutions that carry out this work. In order to better organize this work, the following measures are hereby specified. I hope that they will be handled accordingly, and contact the Preparatory Office of the Revolutionary Museum of the Cultural Relics Bureau of the Ministry of Culture of the Central People's Government. It is necessary to notify the office of the situation at any time.

1. The collection of revolutionary cultural relics, centered on the new democratic revolution since the May Fourth Movement, traces back to the Opium War, the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom, the Revolution of 1911 and other historical materials of the revolutionary movement of the same period.

2. All documents and objects related to the revolution, such as: newspapers, magazines, pictures, archives, currency, stamps, land certificates, road signs, food stamps, photographs, pamphlets, manifestos, slogans, and announcements in the period of secret and openness, New Year pictures, woodcuts, statues, biographies, tomb tables, manuscripts, inkblots and supplies of revolutionary advanced and martyrs, such as weapons, flags, badges, symbols, seals, photographs, clothes, daily utensils, etc.; as well as those seized during the Revolutionary War. The counter-revolutionary documents and real objects of the CCP are all included in the collection.

3. All kinds of organizations organized by people's governments at all levels, agencies, and social groups to collect revolutionary cultural relics should carefully collect the cultural relics mentioned in the preceding paragraph and hand them over to the Preparatory Office of the Central Revolutionary Museum or the cultural and educational authorities of the major administrative regions or provinces and cities. Centralized storage, and make a list and report to the Ministry of Culture of the Central People's Government to decide on the handling method.

4. Collection methods: donation, deposit and acquisition. For those who donate or deposit the revolutionary cultural relics of the above-mentioned precious value, the circumstances may be different, and the collection agencies at all levels shall submit the request to the local government or the central people's government for commendation.

5. If conditions permit, major administrative regions or provinces and cities may also set up local revolutionary museums, or set up exhibition rooms for revolutionary cultural relics in the original museums. All funds will be paid by the local governments, but they must be reported to the Ministry of Culture of the Central People's Government for the record.