Research on the Activation and Utilization of Ancient Residential Buildings in Huizhou

-- A Case Study of Shichun Village, Wuyuan County

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Abstract: In recent years, with the attention to traditional culture and the development of tourism, the protection and utilization of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou have gradually become a hot spot in research. Taking Shichun Village in Wuyuan County as a typical case, this study discusses the activation and utilization methods and strategies of Hui style architecture. Through this study, we find that the revitalization and utilization of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou should be strategically renovated and restored in combination with modern needs on the basis of protecting traditional culture, and giving full play to their unique artistic and cultural value. At the same time, the practical case of Shichun Village in Wuyuan County provides an important reference for the activation and utilization of ancient residential buildings. It is hoped that this study will have practical guiding significance for promoting the protection and utilization of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou.

Keywords: Ancient dwellings; Activation and utilization; Repair.

1. Introduction

1.1. Background

Huizhou ancient residential architecture is a precious heritage of traditional Chinese architectural culture, known for its exquisite wooden structure, unique decorative details and rich Huizhou art style. However, with the process of modernization and urbanization, the ancient residential buildings in Huizhou are facing the dilemma of loss, damage and abandonment. In order to protect and inherit these traditional buildings, explore their cultural value and promote the development of local economy, it is of great practical significance to study the activation and utilization of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou.

1.2. Objectives

This study aims to study the revitalization and utilization strategies of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou, and explore how to protect, restore and utilize these valuable cultural heritages. Specific purposes include:

1. Analyze the historical evolution and cultural characteristics of Huizhou's ancient residential architecture, and gain an in-depth understanding of its unique artistic style and value;
2. Investigate and evaluate the current situation and conservation of ancient residential buildings in Shichun Village, Wuyuan County, and recognize the challenges and dilemmas they face;
3. To study the laws, regulations and policies for the protection and restoration of cultural relics, and to explore how to scientifically and effectively protect and restore ancient residential buildings;
4. To explore the revitalization and utilization strategies of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou, including the combination with modern tourism needs, and the improvement of building functions and comfort;
5. Analyze the revitalization and utilization practice of ancient residential buildings in Shichun Village, Wuyuan County, summarize the lessons and lessons, evaluate the effect, and provide reference for similar work in other areas.
6. This paper discusses the importance of the revitalization and utilization of ancient residential buildings to promote the cultural inheritance of the Hui school and the development of local economy, and puts forward corresponding suggestions and prospects.

Through the realization of these goals, this study aims to provide theoretical guidance and practical experience for the revitalization and utilization of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou, promote the protection and inheritance of traditional architectural culture, promote local economic development, and enhance people's awareness and understanding of traditional culture.

2. Overview and Architectural Status of Shichun Village in Wuyuan County

Located in Wuyuan County, Jiangxi Province, China, Shichun Village is a traditional village featuring ancient residential buildings. The following is an overview of the village and a description of the current state of the building:

2.1. Geographical environment: Shichun Village is located in a mountainous area, surrounded by mountains, and has a beautiful natural environment. The village is surrounded by abundant natural resources, including forests, streams and scenic spots, providing a good ecological environment and tourism resources for villagers and tourists.

2.2. Historical background: Shichun Village was established in the Ming Dynasty and has a history of hundreds of years. In the old days, the village was a wealthy merchant settlement, famous for its business and handicrafts. The villagers have been passed down from generation to generation and are committed to preserving and passing on the ancient residential architecture and traditional culture.

2.3. Ancient Residential Buildings: Shichun Village retains a large number of ancient Huizhou residential buildings,
including traditional courtyard houses and quadrangle courtyards. These buildings adopt a typical Hui architectural style, with wooden structures, green bricks, stone carvings and other elements and exquisite decorations. These residential buildings reflect the wisdom and artistic level of the people of Huizhou, and have important historical, cultural and artistic values.

2.4. Architectural status: However, the ancient residential architecture of Shichun Village also faces some problems and challenges. Some of the buildings have fallen into disrepair, with decaying wooden components and cracked walls. Some of the buildings have been converted into modern residential or commercial uses, losing their original historical features and cultural connotations. These problems have brought certain pressure and difficulties to the protection and revitalization of ancient residential buildings.


The research on the revitalization and utilization strategy of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou includes the following aspects:

1. Cultural value excavation and inheritance: Through in-depth research on the historical, cultural and artistic characteristics of Huizhou's ancient residential buildings, we will explore their unique cultural value and combine it with local traditional culture. Through exhibitions, cultural activities, education and promotion, etc., Huizhou culture will be inherited and promoted, and the social awareness and attractiveness of ancient residential buildings will be enhanced.

2. Restoration and protection: Carry out meticulous restoration and protection of ancient residential buildings, including structural repair, anti-corrosion of wood components, wall waterproofing and other operations. Scientific restoration methods and materials are used to maintain the original flavor and stability of the building, and to protect the historical and cultural heritage.

3. Functional transformation and transformation: According to the needs and utilization methods of modern society, the functional transformation and transformation of ancient residential buildings are carried out, so that they can adapt to various uses such as commerce, tourism, cultural and creative industries. The old houses have been converted into homestays, cafes, art studios, etc., injecting new vitality into the local economic development.

4. Landscape design and environmental remediation: Renovation and landscape design of the surrounding environment of ancient dwellings to create a unique humanistic environment and tourism atmosphere. The construction of trails and public spaces has made the old houses a cultural attraction for tourists and residents alike.

5. Sustainable development and ecological protection: Pay attention to sustainable development and ecological protection in the process of activation and utilization. Adopt green building materials and technologies to reduce the consumption of natural resources. Pay attention to the protection of the surrounding natural ecological environment, and promote eco-tourism and sustainable development.

6. Community participation and management: Strengthen the participation and management of community residents, and enhance the sustainability of the revitalization and utilization of ancient dwellings. Establish a good communication mechanism, negotiate and co-govern with local residents, and ensure fairness and sharing in the process of revitalization and utilization.

By studying these revitalization strategies, we can promote the protection and development of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou, take into account economic benefits and cultural values, and strike a balance between traditional cultural inheritance and local economic development. At the same time, it also provides reference and experience for the revitalization and utilization of ancient residential buildings in other regions.

4. The Revitalization Case and Utilization Practice of Huizhou Ancient Residential Buildings in Shichun Village, Wuyuan County

In Shichun Village, Wuyuan County, there are some successful cases and practices that demonstrate the activation and utilization of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou. Here are a few of them:

1. Shichun Academy: This is a historic Hui style residence that has been restored and renovated to become a comprehensive institution that integrates academies, museums, and cultural displays. Shichun Academy inherits and promotes Huizhou culture by holding exhibitions, holding lectures and trainings, and attracts many tourists to visit. 2. B&Bs reconstructed from ancient dwellings: Some ancient dwelling buildings have been converted into B&Bs on the basis of retaining their original style, providing tourists with a unique accommodation experience. Focusing on the preservation and restoration of ancient residential buildings, these B&Bs combine modern and comfortable facilities and services to attract many tourists to experience traditional culture and rural life. 3. Utilization of cultural and creative industries: Some ancient residential buildings have realized the inheritance and promotion of artistic creation, handicraft production and traditional crafts through the combination of cultural and creative industries. These studios and shops are set up in ancient dwellings, providing employment opportunities for local residents while also showcasing unique Hui culture and crafts for tourists. 4. Hui cuisine culture experience: Some ancient residential buildings have been transformed into Hui cuisine experience halls or restaurants, providing visitors with opportunities to cook and taste Hui cuisine. By promoting and experiencing the unique food culture of the Hui school, these ancient houses have attracted more tourists and enhanced the local popularity and economic benefits.

These revitalization cases and utilization practices show how ancient residential buildings can be combined with various elements such as culture, tourism, and art to achieve the dual goals of protection and utilization. In these practices, emphasis is placed on the protection and restoration of buildings, the inheritance of cultural values, the participation of local residents and the sustainable development of the economy. These practical experiences provide reference and inspiration for the revitalization and utilization of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou in other regions.
5. Conclusions and Prospects

5.1. Conclusion

Through the research on the revitalization and utilization of Huizhou ancient residential buildings in Shichun Village, Wuyuan County, the following conclusions can be drawn:

1. The ancient residential buildings of Huizhou have unique historical, cultural and artistic values. These buildings are an important part of Huizhou's traditional culture, and play an important role in carrying historical memories and inheriting the national spirit.

2. Activation and utilization are important means to protect and inherit the ancient residential buildings of Huizhou. By combining ancient residential buildings with cultural, tourism, art and other elements to realize their functional transformation and utilization, the social awareness and economic benefits of buildings can be enhanced, and their cultural values can be protected and inherited.

3. The excavation and inheritance of cultural value is the core of activation and utilization. Through in-depth study of the historical background and artistic characteristics of Huizhou's ancient residential buildings, excavating their unique cultural values, and combining them with local traditional culture, the two-way interaction between architecture and culture can be realized, and cultural inheritance and innovation can be promoted.

4. Environmental remediation and ecological protection are important links in the revitalization and utilization work. In the process of renovating and utilizing ancient residential buildings, it is necessary to pay attention to landscape design and ecological environmental protection, create a pleasant human environment, and achieve sustainable development.

5.2. Prospect

In the future research and practice, the revitalization and utilization of Huizhou ancient residential buildings in Shichun Village, Wuyuan County can be prospected from the following aspects:

1. Dig deeper into cultural values and historical context. Further research should be carried out to deeply excavate the cultural value and historical background of Huizhou's ancient residential buildings, and deeply integrate them with the local traditional culture to form a more distinctive and unique form of activation and utilization.

2. Improve the sustainability of revitalization and utilization. Pay attention to environmental remediation and ecological protection, pay attention to green environmental protection and sustainable development in the process of activation and utilization, and achieve a balance between economic and ecological benefits.

3. Strengthen community participation and management. Encourage and support local residents to participate in the revitalization and utilization work, establish a good communication and management mechanism, and improve the sense of identity and participation of the whole community in the protection and utilization of ancient residential buildings.

4. Strengthen cooperation and exchanges. Strengthen exchanges and cooperation with other regions on the revitalization and utilization of ancient Huizhou residential buildings, jointly explore strategies and experiences that adapt to local conditions, and promote the common progress of the protection and development of ancient residential buildings.

Through continuous research and practice, we can provide more useful ideas and experiences for the revitalization and utilization of ancient residential buildings in Huizhou in Shichun Village, Wuyuan County, and further promote the protection and inheritance of ancient residential buildings. At the same time, it also provides reference for the revitalization and utilization of ancient residential buildings in other regions.

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