

Nov. 15-Nov. 30, 2018 (10:00-18:00, Tuesday-Sunday)
Long March Space, 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Road, Beijing

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# Long March Project: A Working Redisplay

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Long March Object:

Material objects created during or incorporated into "Long March – A Walking Visual Display". (Key to this concept is the non-distinction between "artworks" created by "artists" selected for formal participation and objects which enter the collective consciousness of The Long March by happenstance.) (A Long March Glossary, 2002)

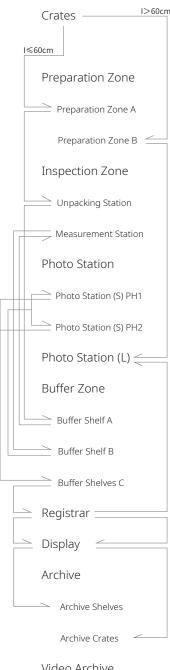
Since 2002, the activities of the Long March Project, under its various curatorial projects and dynamic exhibition programs, have led to the production of a diverse group of artworks and other objects. "Long March Project: A Working Redisplay" is the gathering of these "Long March Objects" into a workspace open to the public. During two weeks of work, Long March Project re-examines, organizes, and archives these items, streamlining the filing process while also displaying the results. Undergoing the passage of time and changes in space, the context of and ways of seeing these objects have passed through many transformations, opening up the possibility of new avenues for investigating related topics. This program is the first comprehensive display of all artworks and objects left behind by the Long March Project. The excavation of Long March Objects is akin to an archaeological dig, yet one in which the discoveries will immediately be displayed for viewers.



The definition of Long March Object means that within the project, there is no disparity in importance between formal artworks and non-artworks, with neither placed in a position of primacy. Therefore the objects are allowed to release their potential as bearers of collective memory. This "redisplay" temporarily removes objects from their context, but also implies a second sense of context: a continuous type of "work" that stretches the concept of the archive to its limit. Going through the process of "display – archiving – redisplay" the scene of the excavation becomes a "lieu de mémoire" (a site of memory), with new perceptions and interpretations of the objects generated by the flow of the work process.

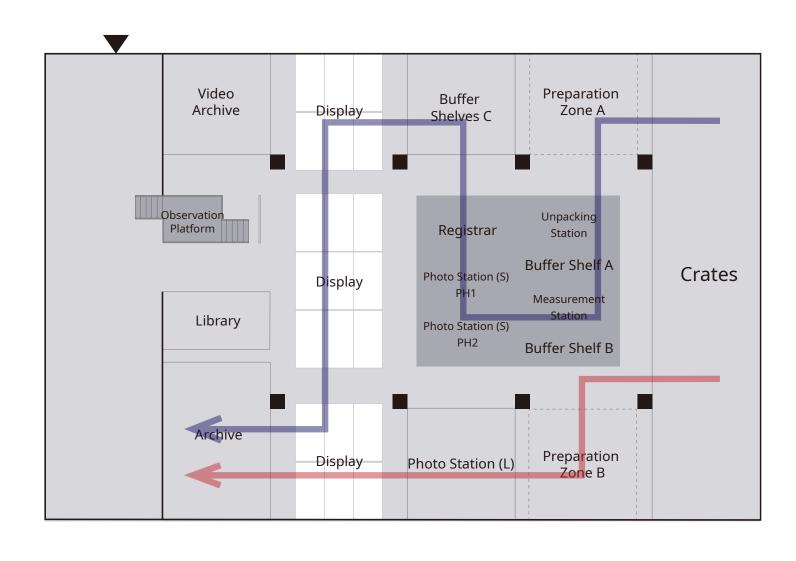
Since its first exhibition in 2003 at 25000 Cultural Transmission Center, the project's the first permanent public location, Long March Project has been focused on widely relevant contemporary issues, while creating multi-faceted scenarios that foster open and progressive discourses. Following the "Building Code Violations III – Special Economic Zone" exhibitions and "A Working Redisplay" this year, in 2019 Long March Project plans to launch a series of research-centric programs anchored in contemporary visual culture and conceptual practice, including a writers' residency, commissioned work, workshops, publications, and themed exhibitions.

Introduction



Video Archive

Observation Platform



 Workflow for Smaller Long March Objects Workflow for Larger Long March Objects







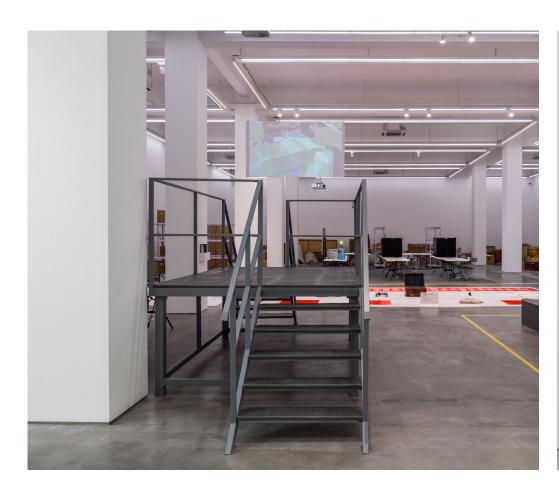






### **OBSERVATION PLATFORM**

Once the audience enters into the space, they may choose one of two ways to engage with the site: from above or from the ground. If you stay on the platform, you are able to see all the workstations and the whole archiving process. If you pass around the platform, you join the "assembly line" and participate in it.





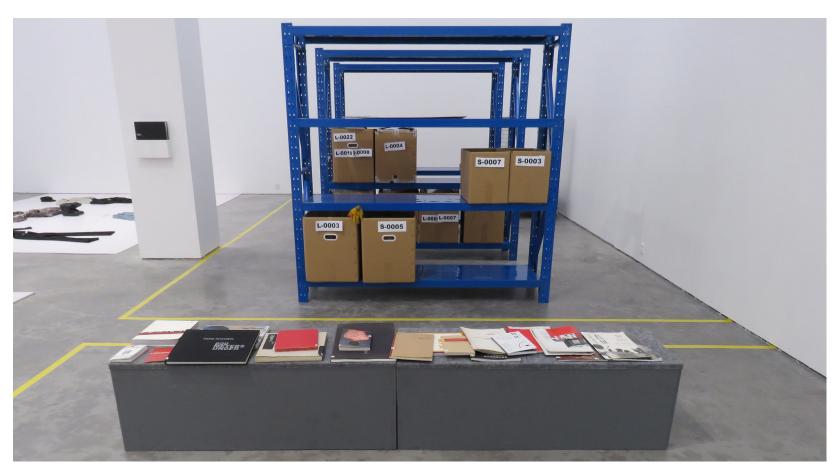
### **VIDEO ARCHIVE**

During our first project in 2002, 204 videotapes were shot. In total, Long March Project holds 780 videotapes related to various programs. This area is dedicated to the archiving of these rare and valuable videos. The television on the wall is connected to the computer performing the archiving work, synchronically playing these rarely seen video clips.



#### **LIBRARY**

The library showcases the many printed materials of the Long March Project created since 2002. Besides exhibition catalogues, it also includes multiple texts that are often excluded from the category of "publication". They are tools for curating, such as Long March - A Walking Visual Display: A Detailed Curatorial Plan (Lu Jie, 1999-2001), used during the conception and discussion of the initial project; Long March Project - Ho Chi Minh Trail Travel Brochure (2009), a complimentary element in the event's organization; or, in the case of Yanchuan Primary Papercutting Textbooks, the texts serve as a toolbox for curating that directly engages with the social environment.



# **PROJECTION**

Looping on the projection screen are more than one thousand selected historical photos from our previous projects. Projects on show include: "Long March - A Walking Visual Display" (2002), "China Town" (2005-2007), "Yang Shaobin Coal Mining Project" (2004-2008), "KOREA 2018" (2007-), "Ho Chi Minh Trail" (2008-2010), etc. Also on show are various exhibitions since 2003. These provide an outline for the audience to gain an impression of the history of the Long March Project.



#### **WORKSHOP AND THE DISPLAY**

From 16:00 every day until the end of opening hours, the archiving process is paused and we launch a workshop on the display of Long March Objects. During this one-hour workshop, Long March Project researchers together with the diggers look back on the objects that they handled during the day, and look into their provenance and historical contexts: the social and cultural links that project the objects into the present time, as well as the objects' interpretative possibilities. On show in this area are the results of the previous day's workshop.



# **BUFFER ZONE**

The buffer zone is an important device within the Long March Objects archiving process. Several shelves serve to reconcile the different work paces among the various workstations, which allows each digger to have enough time to interact with the object they are handling.



Installation view. Photo: ARTEXB

# **REGISTRAR**

After being unpacked, measured and photographed, each object shall arrive at the registrar. This registration desk is close to the buffer zone. After the identification of the object's historical context and its role during the project, the registrar will fill in the Long March Object Archive Form, thus becoming a Long March Object.



# LONG MARCH OBJECT ARCHIVE FORMS

Each object inside the display area has a serial number. One serial number corresponds to one object archive form. Fully completed Long March Object Archive Forms are enclosed within the archive cases on the two columns in front of the display area.





**Dig number:** S-0013

**Object:** Components of Water Asking by Fu Liya

From Project: Long March – A Walking Visual Display (2002)

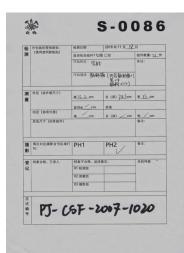




**Dig number:** S-0058

**Object:** Photos from *Environment Test* by Zhou Xiaohu

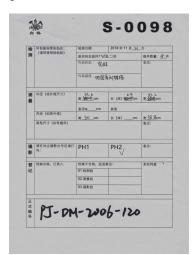
From Project: Long March Project: Building Code Violations II





Dig number: S-0086

**Object:** Component of *Xintianyou* by Chen Shaofeng **From Project:** Long March Project – Yan'an (2002)





**Dig number:** S-0098

**Object:** (Mis)understanding the Long March by Dan Mills **From Project:** Long March Project – Yan'an (2006)

A Selection of the Discovered Long March Objects





Dig number: L-0100

**Object:** *Thunderstorm is slowly approaching* by Qiu Zhijie From Project: Long March Project – Avant-garde (2005-2007)





Dig number: L-0059

**Object:** Aboveground, Underground by Yang Shaobin

From Project: Long March Project – Yang Shaobin Coal Mining Project (2004-2008)









L-0094



Dig number: L-0053

**Object:** *Memory of Memory* by Li Fang

From Project: Long March – A Walking Visual Display (2002)

Dig number: L-0094

**Object:** "No China Town" Headquarter Banner

From Project: Long March Project – Chinatown (2005-2007)

A Selection of the Discovered **Long March Objects**  We are fortunate to receive the kind help of 21 volunteer diggers during our project. In white uniforms, they are all university students from different departments, including curation, sculpture, art education, art history, and more. Special thanks to them (by alphabetical order):

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