

Manchu Language and Cultural Heritage in Sanjiazi (ilan boo) Village in Heilongjiang Province, China

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This presentation focuses on the Manchu language and cultural heritage and revitalization of them in Sanjiazi (means three households, ilan boo in manchu) village in Heilongjiang Province, China.

China's Manchu population is over ten million, but those who can speak Manchu are very few. Today, the place where the most Manchu native speakers live is Sanjiazi. The population of Sanjiazi is a thousand, of which more than 60% are Manchu. However, only about 10 of them can speak Manchu. To better Manchu language and cultural heritage, the government of Fuyu County recognized 16 people of Sanjiazi as inheritors and transmitters of Manchu Language and Culture. Meanwhile, Sanjiazi village school has set up a Manchu language course. However, the reality has not got any improvement. This presentation introduces the situation of the heritage of Manchu language and culture in order to promote the study and implementation of the work of Manchu language and cultural heritage

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