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Thanks to local government efforts to protect and preserve intangible cultural heritages, residents in Shandong province can see numerous traditional folk arts and skills.

As one of the important cultural resources of China, intangible cultural heritage has become an essential part of the national cultural and historical resources, which reflect the living culture of a society.

According to the survey by the Cultural Relics Bureau of Shandong province, more than 60% of the provincial cultural heritage elements are related to intangible cultural heritages.

The Shandong Cultural Heritage Protection Bureau has run a program to preserve and promote intangible cultural heritages.

In 2020, Shandong province had 41 national-level intangible cultural heritages, which were included in the Intangible Cultural Heritages of China, 18 provincial-level intangible cultural heritages, and more than 400市级 (city) intangible cultural heritages.

In addition, Shandong province also has more than 1,957 grassroots inheritors of intangible cultural heritage, and an additional 555 are provincial-level inheritors.

To ensure the protection and preservation of these intangible cultural heritages, the local government has strengthened the legal protection of these cultural resources.

In 2019, the provincial government issued the "Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection Regulations," which established a comprehensive legal protection system for these cultural resources.

In this year’s Chinese Painting Festival, more than 1,000 art works are on display in Qingzhou.

The event aimed to trigger the interest of young people in traditional art forms and to promote the cultural self-confidence.

As a result, the city of Qingzhou has become a hub for the promotion of traditional art forms and a center for cultural exchanges.

The city has also developed a series of cultural tourism products, such as traditional art workshops, exhibitions, and cultural activities, to attract more visitors.

In summary, the protection and development of intangible cultural heritages play a significant role in the cultural and economic development of Shandong province.