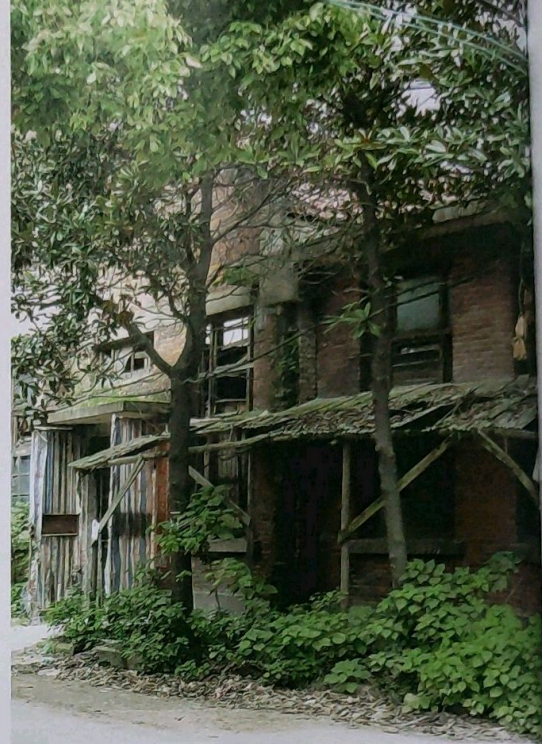




One of the 5000 ceramic galleries in Jingdezhen - inside of the TaoXiChuan area



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# TaoXiChuan 2017

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Jingdezhen in China is by no means an unknown quantity in Europe. The city, situated near the mountain Kaolin, became famous through working with the mineral that bears the name of this mountain and from which porcelain has been made for more than 17 centuries. The city with its 1.5 million inhabitants is considered the cradle and uncrowned capital of porcelain production, and as

such it is visited by numerous Chinese and foreign tourists. In the town, there are a large number of workshops, around 6,000 students study ceramics at the local universities and there are several centres for residencies and for study, such as San Bao and Pottery Workshop, which probably have the longest tradition in exchange and residency programmes for ceramists from all over the world and for a long time

now have served as the entrance gateway to porcelain production in Jingdezhen. Among the new workshops springing up in the dynamically expanding town is Tao Xi Chuan. This ceramics centre, today famous worldwide, developed out of the former porcelain factory in which from the 1960s on top quality porcelain was manufactured on what then were revolutionary production lines. Hard, high-fired

top right and below - Those pictures are showing the situation of the factory before closing and before the revitalization of the whole place *Photo - Archiv*

