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Monte Davis wrote:

Social and cultural parts were missing -- I'd say a tradition of patronage a la Leonardo and his dukes (the Chinese elite more readily supported poet-mandarins and artisans than, uh, tinkerers), and/or a matrix to offer reward\$ for making many copie\$ of ingenious devices.

Speaking of that, it was The History Channel IIRC that recently ran a show in which they built full-sized replicas of some of Leonardo's inventions and tried them out. The tank was problematical, but that tent shaped parachute actually worked as designed, and carried a skydiver safely to earth!

Pat

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