

## **Programme Background**

1. The Sino-UK Higher Education Collaboration on Architecture Design Programme aims to provide the UK and Chinese higher education institutions with an effective platform to build up meaningful and sustainable cooperation over a three-year period (2013-2015). It has a tripartite approach by strengthening relations between the governments, higher education institutions and industry.
2. In 2013 the programme consisted of a Sino-UK students' workshop on Brown Field Regeneration in April in Beijing, and a return visit by Chinese delegation to UK universities in October with participation of 18 universities (12 from the UK and 6 from China). The preliminary outcomes included a call for establishment of a Sino-UK platform for long-term, comprehensive and sustainable collaborations between the governments, HEIs and businesses; potential academic collaboration between universities in two countries; and increased mutual understanding and knowledge about higher education and industrial development on architecture.
3. Building on the outcomes achieved in the first phase, the British Council has agreed with Architectural Society of China to go through the second phase including a students' workshop, public lectures and students' internship in the city of Harbin, Heilongjiang Province and the reciprocal visit to the UK in March 2015.

## Organisers and Participants

### 4. Organiser and participants on the UK side:

- Organiser: The British Council (operates in China as the Cultural and Education Section of the British Embassy)
- Participating universities: Six UK universities to be selected from applications

### 5. Organisers and participants on the Chinese side:

- Organiser: Architectural Society of China, Ministry of Housing and Rural-Urban Development
- Host: School of Architecture, Harbin Institute of Technology
- Participating Universities:
  - School of Architecture, **Harbin Institute of Technology** (HIT)
  - School of Architecture and Fine Art, **Dalian University of Technology**
  - Architectural and Planning College, **Jilin Jianzhu University** (Jilin University of Architecture)
  - School of Architecture and Urban Planning, **Shenyang Jianzhu University** (Shenyang University of Architecture)
  - School of Civil Engineering, **Tianjin University**
  - School of Architecture, **Inner Mongolia University of Technology**

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6. The Programme activities consist of the following two parts:

### **Part I. Study workshop on Brown Field Regeneration in China**

#### **Activity 1: Students' workshop**

Date: 15-26 September, 2014

Country/City: China, Harbin

Content of the Workshop:

- Each university will nominate one teacher and three students to participate in a practicing task, designing and planning for the north area of Harbin Railway Station (*Please see Annex I for the task briefing*).
- The 36 students will be divided into six groups with a mixture of Chinese and British students. Team arrangements will be announced by July 2014.
- Online communication about the programme will be conducted before the groups meet in Harbin.
- During the workshop, the students will receive tutoring from their lead teachers.
- During the workshop, the students and teachers will be organised to have investigation tours to the site.
- The project assignments will be judged by teachers and experts. An awarding ceremony will also be organised.

#### **Activity 2: Public lectures on architecture**

Date: Evening, 16, 20 and 23 September 2014

Venue: School of Architecture, Harbin Institute of Technology

In order to increase mutual understanding and in-depth knowledge about industrial development on architecture in the UK and China, the UK teachers and Chinese experts from universities/local institutes of architectural design and urban planning will be invited to deliver public lectures during the workshop.

### **Activity 3: Internship for UK students**

Date: 29-30 September 2014

Host: The Architectural Design and Research Institute affiliated to HIT

This programme will culminate with a 2-day internship for UK students in a local urban planning and design institute, aiming to widen their cultural horizons, and increase their understanding about Chinese management mode as well as industrial development in the field of architecture.

## **Part II: Return Visit by Chinese Delegation to UK Universities**

Date: March 2015 (about 7-10 days)

Participants: Representatives of the six Chinese universities including teachers, students and partners

Objectives:

- Sino-UK Seminar on Architecture Education, to strengthen the mutual understanding in professional fields;
- Visit to UK universities, to have in-depth discussion on cooperative opportunities;
- Visit to the industrial heritage projects in the UK, to have further understanding the UK's achievements in relevant fields

### **Timetable for the Programme**

7. The programme will be conducted according to the following timetable:

01 April 2014	Programme announced and application starts ( <i>For how to apply, please refer to Annex II</i> )
30 May 2014	Deadline for application
16 June 2014	Notification of selection to UK universities
July- August 2014	Logistic arrangements
01-12 September 2014	Online communication on the programme among members of each group
14 September 2014	Participants arrive in Harbin
15-30 September 2014	Activities in Harbin

01 October 2014	Leave Harbin
December 2014	Contact Chinese and UK universities and prepare for the visit to the UK
March 2015	Reciprocal visit to the UK

### **Financial Arrangements**

8. Principle of reciprocity is suggested to apply in this programme:
- Participants (both the UK and China) will be responsible for their own international travel expenses, i.e. international airfares, visa and international insurance.
  - Each UK university will need to pay **GBP1, 500** to cover the basic cost for their four participants' expenses in China, which includes accommodation, meals, local transportation and interpretation. (A Sales Order will be issued to each university once participants are confirmed).
  - Workshop costs in China will be covered by organisers and Chinese participating universities.
  - British Council China will be responsible for Chinese delegation's costs in the UK, including accommodation, meals and local transportation.