



Irish Architecture Showcase in Shanghai

Irish Architecture - A History of Culture & A Sustainable Future

16th to 19th, October 2012



INTRODUCTION

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and the Irish Centre are delighted to present the first Irish architecture showcase ***“Irish Architecture – A History of Culture & A Sustainable Future”*** at the Irish Centre in Shanghai from 16-19 October, 2012. The showcase will be a series of events including exhibitions, lectures, networking and round table meetings with the main purposes to promote the Irish architecture among Chinese people and business communities who are interested in working with or employing Irish architects in China, and to provide a platform for dialogue between Irish and Chinese experts in the field of architecture.

The same exhibition will be held at Shanghai Tongji University in the afternoon of 18 October, followed by lectures to students from College of Architecture & Urban Planning of Shanghai Tongji University which is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in China and it is the first university that introduced Urban Planning into China.

VENUE

- The Irish Centre, Central Plaza, 227 North Huangpi Road, Level 2, Unit 203, Shanghai

ORGANIZERS

- The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI)
- The Irish Centre

SUPPORTERS

- Treasury China Trust (TCT)



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- College of Architecture & Urban Planning, Tongji University

OBJECTIVES

- To promote Irish architecture in China, including supporting Irish architects and architectural technicians in order to export Irish architects to China;
- To facilitate the exchange and corporation between Ireland and China in the fields of architecture, construction and real estate; and
- To strengthen the academic exchanges between the RIAI and Tongji University to develop possible exchange programs and visiting lecturers program.

ABOUT ORGANIZERS & SUPPORTERS

The Royal Institute of Architectures of Ireland (RIAI)

The Royal Institute of Architectures of Ireland (RIAI) is the regulatory and support body for Architects in Ireland. Support services are also provided for architectural technologists. Although the RIAI carries out a statutory function as the Registration Body and Competent Authority for Architects in Ireland, this is carried out on an entirely self-funding basis. Since 1839, the RIAI has been committed to upholding the highest standards in architecture and providing impartial and authoritative advice and information in issues affecting architects, the built environment and society.

The main roles of the RIAI are:

- Governance
- Promoting architecture
- Supporting architects
- Regulating architects

The Irish Centre

The Irish Centre is a strategic corporate social responsibility initiative of Treasury China Trust, a Singapore listed business trust and a leading owner, manager and developer of commercial real estate in China with its origin in Ireland. The Irish Centre features a multi-function environment in which to conduct a myriad of social, cultural and business activities, with the purpose of promoting the cultural and educational exchange between Ireland and China. Since its opening in June 2011, the Irish Centre has successfully organized a series of events, including Irish Drama Showcase, Peking Opera Salon, 'Telling Tales' multi-media exhibition for Irish Festival, Irish Science Day and Irish Short Films Showcase, etc. The Irish Centre is operated on a "not for profit" basis with 100% of its surplus income reinvested through funding various charitable mandates undertaken by the TCT Foundation for the children of China for the betterment of China's youth.

Treasury China Trust (TCT)

Treasury China Trust (TCT) is a Singapore based business trust established with the principal objective of delivering total return to unitholders through proactively owning, managing and developing high quality, income producing commercial real estate in China.



Since its initial foray into the Chinese market in 2005, TCT has established a formidable market presence in the commercial real estate sector in the key Chinese commercial and financial centres of Shanghai and Beijing and embarked upon a regional expansion program into the second tier cities represented by the acquisition of a large retail asset in the coastal town of Qingdao and the formation of a strategic partnership in the central western city of Xi'an. Leveraging its synergistic combination of sophisticated Western management practices, including strong commitment to high quality corporate governance and transparency, and its intimate local market knowledge and extensive network, TCT administers a unique and distinctive business model that delivers an all encompassing framework overseen by a highly experienced on-the-ground team of more than 100 property and finance professionals.

College of Architecture & Urban Planning, Tongji University

The College of Architecture & Urban Planning (CAUP) of Tongji University has a long history of over 60 years. CAUP is one of the first colleges in China with programs in urban planning, historic building protection, landscape studies and industrial design. At present, CAUP has three departments: the Department of Architecture, the Department of Urban Planning, and the Department of Landscape Studies. CAUP also has 4 undergraduate programs, 5 postgraduate programs and 5 doctoral programs. Extensive courses are offered in urban planning design, architecture design, and landscape design, representing a balanced development among disciplines.

Being one of China's most influential educational institutions, the most extensive programs among its peers, and the largest body of postgraduate students in the world, CAUP is recognized as an international academic center with a global influence in the academic fields. In addition, CAUP has taken on a large numbers of national and local key researches, and produced generations of talented individuals in the construction field.

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