

# World famous institutions to join in design of Wuhan Changjiang Axis

By Wang Yaxin

The Wuhan International Planning and Design Alliance was officially established in Wuhan on June 21, according to Wuhan Municipal Administration of Land, Resources and Planning.

The alliance has recruited 50 world famous think tanks and institutions of urban design and planning, who will jointly plan the Changjiang Axis and other major urban construction projects in Wuhan.

The institutions who applied to join the alliance were evaluated in terms of their influence, achievements, team competence, accredited design works, and international awards in the fields. Those selected to join the alliance will have priorities to undertake Wuhan urban planning projects in the following three years. One or several members will be selected

to compile the master plans of some major urban programs approved by the Wuhan municipal government.

The 25 domestic and 25 foreign firms that have joined the alliance as members are professional in the fields of urban planning, architecture, transportation, municipal engineering, ecology, landscapes, and consulting.

Among them, Gensler, which is ranked as the largest design firm in the world by *World Architecture*. It designed the 632-meter Shanghai Tower as well as the London River Park along the north bank of the River Thames between Blackfriars Bridge and the Tower of London. SASAKI, which is among the top 10 design institutions in the U.S., designed Disneyland Paris and Beijing Olympic Park. Foster+

Partners, a winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize, designed the Apple Campus 2.

Some of the 50 firms have even cooperated with Wuhan. For instance, SOM, which was twice a winner of the highest award of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and the designer of the Burj Khalifa Tower and the Shanghai Chongming Island Master Plan, has participated in the design of the Hankou Riverfront Business District. AERP, the largest state-owned design company in France, designed the Wuhan Railway Station.

Other members include world-class consulting agencies like McKinsey & Company, and JLL and well-known Chinese companies like the China Academy of Urban Planning and Design and the Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning and Design Institute.

## Daishan refuse landfill to become ecological park

By Yang Sheng

The high-profile ecological restoration project of the Daishan refuse landfill was officially initiated on June 20, 2017. By the end of the year or the beginning of next year, a 200,000-square-meter new ecological park close to Dijiao, Jiang's District, will be available for people to enjoy leisure physical activities and recreation.

The refuse landfill is located at the crossroad of Hanhuang Road and Dibian Road, Jiang'an District, adjacent to the Fuhe River and the 3rd Ring Road. The restoration project will highlight some new cultural landscapes. A popular ecological science education base and an environmental sanitation exhibition hall will be built for publicizing environmental protection and introducing the historical changes of Wuhan environment sanitation to visitors. This is according to Wuhan Environment Investment and Development Co., Ltd.

## Largest container terminal on Han River opens

By Wang Wenhan

The "Yuanhai No. 3" freighter, fully loaded with containers, arrived at Xiantao Port from Yangluo Port on June 20, marking the opening of the first port on the Han River, with the largest scale, port functions and container handling capacity.

Xiantao Port is located at the logistics park of the national high-tech and innovation zone of Changtangkou, Xiantao City. It is planned to be equipped with four 1,000-tonne and 2,000-tonne berths with a capacity of handling 100,000 standard containers (TEU) each year.

As a city of nonwoven fabrics industry, Xiantao currently has 209 registered foreign trade companies. In February 2016, Wuhan Port Group Co., Ltd and the Xiantao municipal government signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement to jointly invest in Xiantao Port and Lingang Logistics Park, and to build a logistics port.

## Longest outer-ring green belt

By Wang Yaxin

Two forest parks, built along the Dongxihu Zoumaling section and the Xinzhou Shigang section of the outer-ring green belt, opened to the public recently.

They comprise the first group of forest parks along the 190-kilometer outer-ring ecological green belt in Wuhan, providing an alternative for people to have an excursion. Wuhan's outer-ring green belt is the longest of its kind in China.

Zoumaling Forest Park

