### DETAILS

# Urbane Urbanism by Urbanus- Monday, 26 February 2007

Seminar Fee:

 SIA Member
 \$\$ 52.50 (incl GST)

 BOA/CIJC Member
 \$\$ 78.75 (incl GST)

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 \$\$ 105.00 (incl GST)

Closing Date for Registration : 16 February 2007

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Ms Jasmine Chan Singapore Institute of Architects 79B Neil Road, Singapore 088904

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## SYNOPSIS

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The tremendous quantity of design works and the intimidating speed of construction in China today help new architectural offices to sprout with the same scale of quantity and speed. Although Urbanus, a young firm of 7 years history, is not an exception out of this new generation, it makes a detour from the main stream of conventional operation. From the very beginning of its practice, Urbanus, under the leadership of partners Liu Xiaodu, Meng Yan and Wang Hui, has noticed that the aside from the normal project types, the firm may play an significant role in the projects that either as a correction to those undergoing projects, or as an infill to the area that typical commissions will ignore. In the course of their practice, the number of this second type of projects grows in parallel with the growth of the firm's fame which is always recognized as one of the avant-guards among the vouna Chinese firms. Nonetheless, Urbanus never aims to be a vanguard radical in form making and statement addressing. Rather, with the blood of oriental philosophy, it efforts to soft-tune today's harsh urbanism by the means of restoring humanistic urbanity within a climate of rapid and vast profit-driven development. The notion of "urbane urbanity vs. chaotic urbanism" characterizes each Urbanus project with a trademark of poetic built-environment that shelters an energetic urban life. The creativity of Urbanus is not to accentuate possibility of architectural form for the sake of architecture, but to push the professional boundary to a sociological dimension that can make the role of architects beyond their conventional scope of service. The presentation of Urbanus' practice here will demonstrate how this dimension helps to make designs meaningful.

#### PROFILE

**Mr Wang Hui** is a founding partner of Urbanus Architecture & Design, Inc. He is an architect licensed in New York State.

Mr. Wang received both of his Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degrees from Tsinghua University, and Master of Architecture degree from Miami University. He used to teach at the Central Academy of Arts and Design. Prior to establishing Urbanus, Mr. Wang was a project architect and project designer at some world leading design firms with extensive experience in design, documentation, management and construction administration. He worked with Gruzen Samton Architects, Gensler, and Gary Edward Handel + Associates in New York City, and had been involved in some major constructions in New York City and Washington, DC.

In 1999, Mr. Wang co-founded Urbanus architecture & Design with his partners Liu Xiaodu and Meng Yan, and started to manage projects in China. The firm is now based in Beijing and Shenzhen, and is recognized as one of the leading forces among China's young design firms. It was featured as one of the ten global "Design Vanguards" by \*Architectural Record\* in December, 2005. As one of the partners-in-charge of Urbanus' ambitious projects, Mr. Wang has led and been leading some important designs, such as Shenzhen Urban Planning Bureau Building, Digital Beijing Building, Tianjin Old Town Rehabilitation. Recently, the design of Shenzhen Urban Planning Bureau Building just won the 2006 Business Week/Architectural Record China Award.

As a partner of Urbanus with many media and publication exposure domestically and internationally, Mr. Wang has been invited to lecture worldwide, including the USA, Canada, Brazil and Switzerland.

#### SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS





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1.30pm Registration

2.00pm Welcome Note by Singapore Institute of

**Architects** 

2.05pm Presentation by Mr Wang Hui

3.00pm Coffee Break

3.30pm Presentation by Mr Wang Hui

4.30pm Questions & Answers

5.00pm End of seminar

## VENUE

Singapore Institute of Architects SIA Theatrette – Level 1 79 Neil Road Singapore 088904

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