The House of the Danish Industry Foundation

The house which has a view of the Great Wall has been designed and built to ensure optimal facilities for knowledge exchange across professional disciplines and provide inspiring physical frames for students as well as teachers from the two nations. It is the vision to create a vibrant house which many parties – including private companies – may frequent on a regular basis, taking advantage of the airy and pleasant facilities for conference activities and similar events.

Danish Values and Chinese Environment

The first pen strokes in the creation of the House of the Danish Industry Foundation were drawn in 2010 when Denmark hosted an architectural competition by invitation. It was a condition that the proposed building should be in accordance with Danish values and standards and show respect for the inspiring Chinese environment, the local climate and the overall plan which is the foundation for the Campus in the northern part of Beijing.

The competition was won by Lundgaard & Tranberg Architects in cooperation with COWI. The main idea behind the winning proposal is a tight and compact outer building shell that easily merges with the existing university campus. The open façades ensure contact and cohesion between the building and the environment and allow varied, generous daylight to enter the house. An open atrium runs through all floors, softens the tight foundation and draws daylight deep into the core of the building. The atrium is the spatial focus of the building, providing overview and easy orientation, and it will be the natural meeting place for informal contacts and meetings among students, teachers and researchers.

The developer is the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), and their design and architectural office has been in charge of the detailed design, the agreements with local contractors and the ongoing supervision at the construction site.

Facts about the Building

The building is a complete five-storey building of 10,896 m². On a daily basis, 200 Master’s students, PhD students, teachers and researchers, guests and staff will frequent the building facilities which include:

- 20 apartments for teachers and researchers
- Lecture hall
- Lecture room
- 10 classrooms
- 8 group rooms
- 10 research offices
- 8 PhD offices
- 6 thesis offices
- 4 meeting rooms
- Lounges for students and teachers
- Common areas with study stations
• 4 administration offices
• Gym
• Canteen

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