

International team wins architectural competition for Vietnamese-German University



Grant Associates to design landscape for new University Campus in Binh Duong Province

Info UK and Vietnam | Published on: June 18, 2014

Summary **British landscape architecture firm Grant Associates working with Boston architects Machado and Silvetti Associates, Inc. have won an international competition to design the Vietnamese-German University Campus in Binh Duong Province, Vietnam.**

This is a unique collaboration between the World Bank, the Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training and the German Hessen State Ministry of Science and Art that aims to develop an internationally accredited higher education program for research and advancement for Vietnamese students and to build a campus for the new university.

Details British landscape architecture firm Grant Associates working with Boston architects Machado and Silvetti Associates, Inc. have won an international competition to design the Vietnamese-German University Campus in Binh Duong Province, Vietnam.

This is a unique collaboration between the World Bank, the Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training and the German Hessen State Ministry of Science and Art that aims to develop an internationally accredited higher education program for research and advancement for Vietnamese students and to build a campus for the new university.

Machado and Silvetti Associates will be responsible for the delivery of Phase 1, US\$121 million of the 50.5 hectare University Campus, whilst Grant Associates will mastermind the landscape strategy. Phase One of the project is due for completion in November 2017.

Grant Associates' landscape design proposal embraces the concept that a sustainable university campus should be a multi-layered and multifunctional landscape that becomes an active living classroom, as well as a tool for restoring and improving the environment. The landscape strategy establishes an extensive network of gateways, courtyards and green spaces that encourages outdoor learning and social interaction, interlinked by comfortable and engaging shaded routes.

Highlights of the landscape design include:

Native Tropical Woodland Perimeter

The planting of a native tropical woodland perimeter belt provides a strong multifunctional edge to the campus. This brings shade and reduced air temperature; shelter for people and wildlife; a reduction of dust and noise; habitat creation for flora and fauna, as well as attractive shady routes for students to feel more connected to nature.

Sustainable Water Management

A sustainable water management is a central feature of the landscape design. A 'water treatment train' of storm water attenuation, cleansing and filtration allows water to be recycled within the site for irrigation and maintenance. It is

Grant Associates

22 Milk Street

Bath BA1 1UT

T +44 (0) 1225 332664

F +44 (0) 1225 420803

E info@grant-associates.uk.com

SPOKESPEOPLE

Nick Vellacott

Highlight PR

+44 (0)1225 444268

+44 (0)7803 072368

nick@highlightpr.co.uk

[highlightpr](#)

Kat Byles

Highlight PR

+44 (0)1225 444268

+44 (0)7901 701334

kat@highlightpr.co.uk

[highlightpr](#)

embedded into the landscape providing attractive water gardens and channels.

Tree Lined Avenues in the University Commons

The core of the campus contains the key university buildings where the landscape approach will be more formal in character. Tree-lined avenues framing large open spaces create a grand setting to the architecture. The spaces are inspired by the urban grain of Ho Chi Mihn District One with large tree-lined avenues and squares. These spaces will remain flexible to provide opportunity for large outdoor performance and events.

Courtyard Gardens

The Courtyard Gardens are designed to be more individual in character, each identifying with the functions of their immediate surrounding buildings. They offer a series of articulated outdoor spaces for quiet seating and small study gatherings. The footpath network will offer a circulation that remains unrestricted yet intimate and sheltered. And a palette of hard and soft materials will be selected to keep these simple and distinctive whilst embracing the lush and sensory characteristic of tropical planting.

Andrew Grant, Director, Grant Associates said: “We are excited to be working with Machado and Silvetti Associates and Arup on the integrated design for this important Campus. The ideas are based around the creation of landscape spaces and connections with strong identity and which offer multiple benefits for learning, improved environmental quality and outdoor recreation.”

Relevant links



Grant Associates



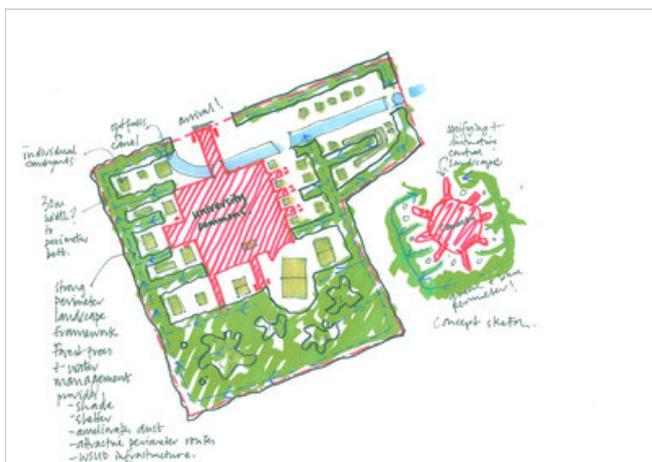
Machado Silvetti

Quotes

“We are excited to be working with Machado and Silvetti Associates and Arup on the integrated design for this important Campus. The ideas are based around the creation of landscape spaces and connections with strong identity and which offer multiple benefits for learning, improved environmental quality and outdoor recreation.

— Andrew Grant, Director, Grant Associates

Images







About Grant Associates

Grant Associates is a world-leading British Landscape Architecture consultancy specialising in creative, visionary design of both urban and rural environments worldwide, working with some of the world's leading architects and designers.

Inspired by the connection between people and nature Grant Associates fuses nature and technology in imaginative ways to create cutting edge design built around a concern for the social and environmental quality of life.

Grant Associates has experience in all scales and types of ecological and landscape development including strategic landscape planning, master planning, urban design and regeneration and landscapes for housing, education, sport, recreation, visitor attractions and commerce.

For more information visit www.grant-associates.uk.com