Binjiang Urban Centre + Transport Interchange

This project is the result of a collaborative design process involving QUT School of Design, and AREN Consulting and ZIAD (Zhejiang Provincial Institute of Architectural Design and Research). This major urban initiative explores new standards for multi-function urban centres. The sophisticated integration of transit interchange with retail, commercial and residential functions provides a dramatic mix of social activities. The large site is formed into a raised and terraced urban garden, with the transit centre and retail shopping precinct housed below this landscaped roof. Towering above this ‘hill’ are five building blocks housing the commercial and residential accommodations. These environmentally low-impact buildings are topped with a high-tech greenhouse roof or photovoltaic cells.

This project was selected in 2008 as the winner of the ‘Binjiang Urban Centre and Transport Interchange Design Competition’; from seven international teams that were invited to participate in this high profile competition for this $2.1 billion urban project. The project has also subsequently been selected to be exhibited at the ‘HEAT Exhibition at Shanghai World Expo 2010’. In this forum/exhibition the proposal, selected by a panel including Government representatives and the Qld. Government Architect, will be present as a significant major project from Queensland architects.