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Historic Beijing vs. Modern Metropolis:

Challenges for the 2008 Olympics Planning

A presentation by Weiming Lu , AICP, Hon. AIA



Mr. Lu will be discussing how Beijing sought creative ideas for planning the Olympics through international design competitions as well as some of the challenges the city faces in hosting the Games while taking consideration of the future development of the capital city of China.

Weiming Lu, an urban planner and development advisor, has earned international recognition for his works in America, and his consulting on urban rejuvenation around the world. Through vision, expertise and determination, he has helped in saving the Texas School Book Depository, rebuilding downtown Minneapolis, and creating a new Urban Village out of empty warehouses in Lower town, Saint Paul. He has provided valuable advices on various developments around the world, including the Beijing Olympics, and the reconstruction of South Central Los Angeles after the 1992 riot. He is also an accomplished Chinese calligrapher. His works has been on exhibit in the United States, Japan, and China including the Chinese Academy of Fine Arts, and in the permanent collection of the Minneapolis Arts Institute. His many awards include the Quadrennial Presidential Award for Design Excellence in 1985. His works were made into a film for a UN Conference and exhibited in Walker Art Center. The Minnesota Historic Society profiled him as the Chinese American in Minnesota for 2004. Currently, he is a trustee of the Minneapolis Foundation and an advisor to the City of Beijing.



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