

Mainland Visit

A delegation of the Board led by the Chairman visited Qingdao and Dalian from 7 to 11 January 2012.

The main themes of the visit were on the master planning, port development, urban renewal, tourism, development of new high technology industries and conservation of historic buildings in Qingdao and Dalian.

In Qingdao, the delegation was received by the Deputy Mayor of Qingdao and the planning officials to share their planning experience and visions. The Qingdao Urban Planning Bureau provided an overview of town planning, land use zonings, public facilities and transport planning, tourism development, urban renewal and major projects of Qingdao. The Qingdao Urban Planning and Design



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Research Institute arranged briefings and guided tours to the Qingdao Olympic Sailing Centre at the former Beihai dockyard in Fushan Bay adjoining May Fourth Square and Donghai West Road, the Badaguan Scenic Area located to the east of Qingdao City which was famous for its foreign-styled villas/buildings from different countries, and the Little Fish Hill Park (Xiaoyushan Park) to take an overview of the beautiful scenes of Qingdao. The delegation also visited the Qingdao Chengyang Planning Exhibition Hall and the Qingdao National High-

tech Industrial Development Zone (the IDZ) in Chengyang District, which was one of the state-level industrial development zones set up by the State Council in 1992. Located about 35km away from the city centre of Qingdao and a ten-minute drive to the Qingdao Liuting Airport, the IDZ was renowned for its science and technology research centre with pillar industries of information technology, biopharmaceuticals, new materials, new energy, advanced equipment manufacturing, marine technology, and defence technology, etc.



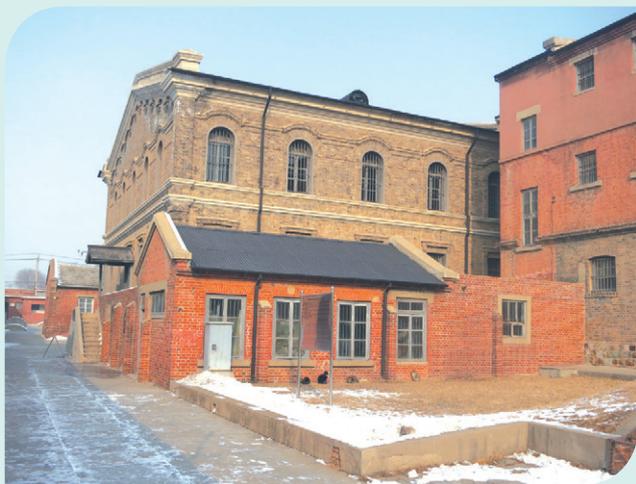
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In Dalian, the delegation was received by the Dalian Urban Planning Bureau and the Dalian Municipal People's Government Foreign (Overseas Chinese) Affairs Office. The delegation was briefed by the Dalian Urban Planning Bureau on the planning system, strategic planning and developments, port development, transport planning and the major projects in Dalian with reference to the

Dalian Master Plan. The delegation visited Nianyuwan port and the bonded port in Dayaowan with a briefing by the Port of Dalian Authority. The Dalian Municipal People's Government Foreign (Overseas Chinese) Affairs Office had also arranged guided tours to the Dalian Development Area Planning Exhibition Gallery and the Jinzhou New District which was the core industrial area of



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the Liaoning Coastal Economic Belt and the main hub of Dalian's new urban area. The delegation also visited the Jinshatan tourism area, the former Japan-Russia Prison Site of Port Arthur in Lushun and Bangchuidao.

The delegation was impressed by the master planning and the development in Qingdao and Dalian. After the

visits, Members learnt more about the opportunities and challenges faced by these cities, which provided useful references for the Board in the consideration of projects in Hong Kong relating to port development, urban renewal, tourism, new high technology industries, and conservation of historic buildings.