

RURAL URBAN FRAMEWORK AWARDED CURRY STONE LAYOUT PRIZE AT CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL

Chicago Architecture Biennial 2015: Hong Kong design and style and investigation group Rural Urban Framework has been awarded the 2015 Curry Stone Design and style Prize for humanitarian architecture (+ slideshow).

The non-profit company was presented with the \$100,000 (£66,117) award throughout a ceremony ahead of the official opening of the inaugural Chicago Architecture Biennial.

Founded by John Lin and Joshua Bolchover, Rural Urban Framework addresses the depopulation of the Chinese countryside and newly built urban sprawl, by means of tasks including colleges, hospitals, neighborhood centres, housing and infrastructure.



The courtyard of Rural Urban Framework's Andong Village charitable hospital



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The company not too long ago completed a school expansion in Mulan, Guangdong, including additional classrooms, a playground, and a new toilet developing clad in reflective tiles with a bioremediation system to treat the sewage. Other projects contain a hospital in Angdong Village and a college in Qinmo Village, and housing in Shijia full with infrastructure for rainwater assortment and biogas energy generation.

“The operate of RUF is addressing 1 of the most urgent current geopolitical concerns, how to deal with the imbalances produced by big mass migrations,” mentioned Emiliano Gandolfi, the director of the Curry Stone Style Prize. “Their operate is exemplifying how architecture need to create a dialogue with the local community and the environment in buy to created structures that respond to their shifting wants.” To date, Rural Urban Framework has engaged with the regional communities of 18 distinct villages across China employing a participatory methodology to inform their projects. The group currently includes 4 designers.

“When we began the collaboration I was most interested in knowing these volatile landscapes or ambiguous landscapes, but then also how to act,” said co-founder Joshua Bolchover. “In China and the world, we live in an urban age, but we feel its long term course is intertwined with the fate of the rural,” he added.



Rural Urban Framework constructed new houses in Jintai Village following the 2008 earthquake and 2011 landslide

The yearly Curry Stone Style Prize was founded in 2008 with the mission to motivate emerging architects and urban designers “to harness their ingenuity and craft for social very good by sharing and supporting the impactful operate of top social affect practitioners,” according to the organisation.

The area of humanitarian architecture has grown in recent many years, with non-revenue companies like USA-primarily based MASS Design and style Group tackling projects in Africa and Haiti. In a current interview with Dezeen, Architecture for Humanity co-founder Cameron Sinclair known as for much more architects and firms to get involved in the area. Chicago Architecture Biennial runs from three October 2015 to 3 January 2016. Also for the occasion, a wall-significantly less pavilion with a rooftop viewing platform will be set up on the city’s lakefront.



Rural Urban Framework’s Jintai Village homes were developed with stepped roofs to be planted with gardens



Rural Urban Framework’s prototype village property in Shijia is wrapped in a brick display, which provides ventilation even though safeguarding the interior mud walls



Rural Urban Framework’s Mulan Village school has interlinked open spaces, like playgrounds, outside classrooms, teaching gardens, and pocket spaces