

Call for Candidates

**Urban Planning Advisory Team (UPAT) in Ningbo,
in coproduction with the Ningbo Urban Planning and Design Institute (NBPI),
China, 15-21 April 2018**

New Identity and Urban Renovation Xinmalu Historical District, Ningbo

Introduction

For more than two thousand years, Ningbo is one of the starting points and important trading cities of the Silk Road that connects China with other parts of Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Europe. Ningbo is one of the busiest trading ports since the Tang (618-907) and Song (960-1279) Dynasties and serves today as the second Chinese harbour after Shanghai. Today and in the coming decades, Ningbo is one of the key cities in the 'One Belt, One Road' initiative that will boast international trade and cultural exchange.

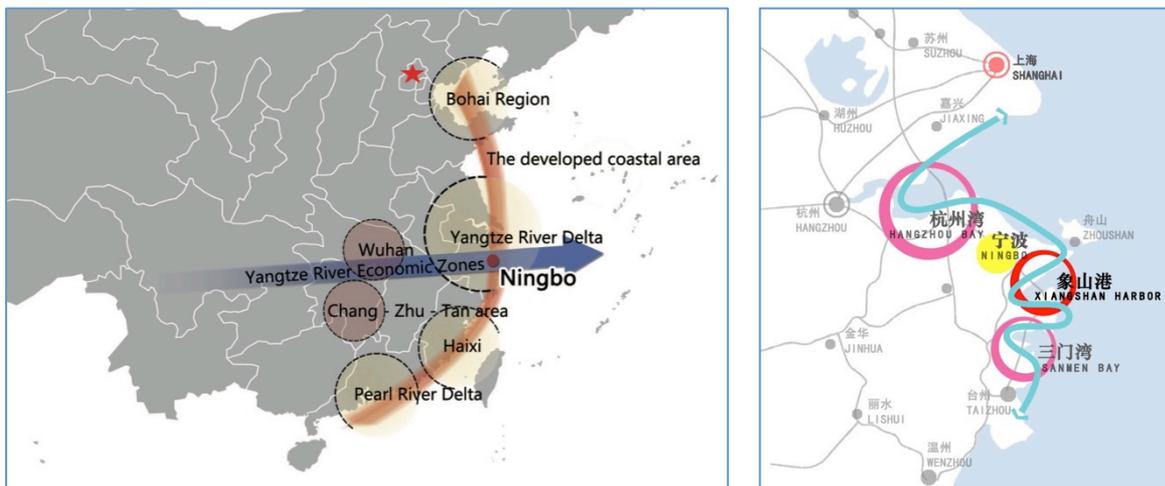
Ningbo is a coastal city located in southeast China. Modern Ningbo includes the historic city, three new satellite cities and several adjacent counties. This area has Shanghai on the north, Hangzhou on the west, Taizhou on the south and East China Sea on the east. Lying in the east of Zhejiang province, Ningbo sits at the mid-point of the Chinese coastline, towards the south of the Yangtze Delta. Ningbo lies between the ocean and low-lying mountains to the southwest with coastal plain and valleys in between. Water, mountains, fields and villages are the basic components of the region.



>> *Ningbo's historic city and urban core is at the confluence of the Yong, Fenghua and Yuyao Rivers.*

About Ningbo

The historic city of Ningbo is one of China's oldest cities. Its history dates to the Neolithic Hemudu Culture (5500 - 3300 B.C.). Ningbo's historic city and urban core is centred on the confluence of the Yong, Fenghua and Yuyao Rivers. Located along the eastern coast of the country, it developed as a port and maritime trading centre. Like many other Chinese cities, it has experienced rapid urbanization and urban expansion resulting from the creation of development zones established in the 1980s and 1990s. The city now has a population of 7.6 million and spans over an area of 9.816 square kilometres. Ningbo's GDP reached 985 billion Yuan (128 billion USD) in 2017 and ranked as the 15th city in China. The manufacturing and services industries are the two major components of modern Ningbo's economy.



>> Ningbo is a harbour city closely connected with China's metropolitan areas.

Xinmalu Historical District

Xinmalu Historical District is located in the centre of Jiangbei District with a total area of 22 ha. It is one of the best parts of the city because of its central location, history, heritage, and relation with the river. The history of Xinmalu District dates back to the end of Qing Dynasty (1642-1912). When foreign powers forced China into trading concessions after the First Opium War (1839-1842), Ningbo became one of the five international trading ports in China. The other four open ports from that era were Shanghai, Guangzhou, Fuzhou and Xiamen.

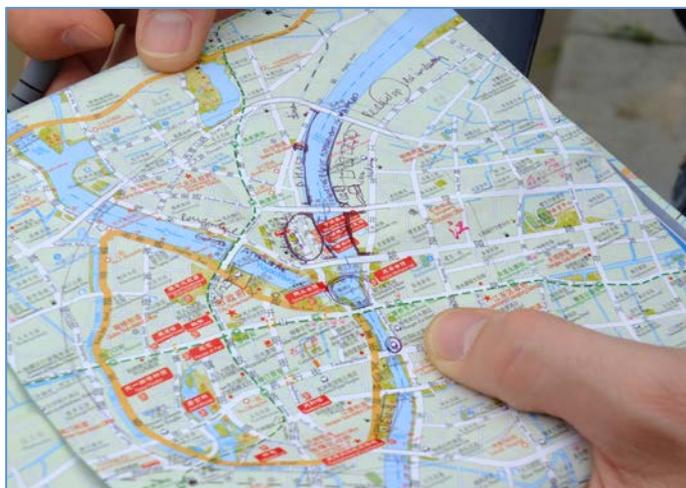
Xinmalu Historical District is situated adjacent to the Old Bund on Jiang Bei An, the north bank of the Yong and Yuyao Rivers, where foreign traders settled and where they had their trading posts. In 1914 Yongcao Railway connected Ningbo with Hangzhou and Shanghai. In the end of 1900s, Jiang Bei developed into an important business centre with a large number of successful Chinese and international financial, trading and shipping enterprises. Today, the urban fabric and the mansions, warehouses and offices built under eclectic Sino-European architecture remind us of the British, French, German and Dutch presence in

Ningbo. Most of these historical buildings, streets and infrastructures in Xinmalu Historical District are in need of renovation and reuse.

Ecological Restoration and Urban Renovation

In 2016, the Central Economic Working Conference of the Chinese Government adopted the strategy to strengthen urban and rural planning and design, to restore natural and ecological vital areas and to encourage renovating urban areas. This new policy, developed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Rural Development (MOHURD), marks the beginning of a new phase in China's urban-rural planning and reconstruction. The Ecological Restoration and Urban Renovation Act emphasises the need for nation-wide tasks and targets on a local and city level. In effect, MOHURD directs regional and local governments to retrofit and redevelop cities to improve the quality of life for citizens.

Ecological Restoration and Urban Renovation is a combined transition in both the urban development policy as well as the administrative of urban governance. Ecological restoration encourages the repair of damaged natural features and the enhancement of ecological qualities and landscapes. It also emphasises the relationship between urban and ecology, between protection and development, and between human and nature. Urban Renovation, on the other hand, aims to upgrade urban functions and infrastructure and to improve urban identity and vitality through organic urban renewal.



>> *Xinmalu Historical District is close to the historic centre and the Old Bund in Ningbo.*

The Ningbo Urban Planning and Design Institute (NBPI)

The Ningbo Urban Planning and Design Institute is founded in 1988. For the city of Ningbo and other cities in China, NBPI is responsible for major tasks in regional and urban planning as well as master and zoning planning. NBPI also produces detailed urban and landscape designs, comprehensive plans for districts, sites, transportation networks and infrastructure,

architectural design, and provides services in GIS, planning consultancy and research. NBPI has received many domestic and international prizes for its work. The office of NBPI with 180 employees is situated in the core of Ningbo Eastern New Town, one of the two developing CBDs assigned in Ningbo Master Plan. NBPI has opened a special department for international projects and cooperation. This department is preparing this UPAT Workshop.

NBPI is one of the partner organizations of ISOCARP. In 2014 NBPI is one of the laureates of the Awards for Excellence for the spatial strategy for the conservation and development of the Ningbo Xiangshan Harbor. Since 2016 NBPI is an institutional member of ISOCARP. In 2017 NBPI has published an article about the Ecological Restoration and Urban Renovation in the Xiaojia River District in the 2017 ISOCARP Review 13 (page 165-184).

Scope of Work

The NBPI invites ISOCARP to select a team of experts that will assist the team from NBPI in their visioning process for the new identity and urban renovation of Ningbo's Xinmalu Historical District. The ambition of NBPI is that Xinmalu Historical District will become an example of urban renovation and ecological restoration that combines the restoration of urban functions, the improvement of living conditions and that utilizes potential spatial, social, cultural, ecological and economic values.

As part of the visioning process for the urban renovation of Xinmalu Historical District it is required that the team of experts assist NBPI - and in interaction with the local inhabitants and stakeholders - in their quest for a new identity for the area that includes both traditional culture and organic urban renewal, and rebuild the cultural functions to improve the condition of commercial activities, social environment, urban construction and residential quality. In short, the task of the UPAT team is to enhance 'Cool Planning'. 'Cool' in both senses of the word, as places desirable for living and doing business, and as places that our planet can support for the next generations.

The Ningbo UPAT Team members will utilize their knowledge and experience to:

- Provide guidance on the reuse and incorporation of existing buildings on site.
- Provide guidance on the renewal of streets, public space and buildings on site.
- Provide professional assistance in the communication and visioning processes with inhabitants and stakeholders of Xinmalu Historical District to determine a new identity.
- Provide professional assistance in the preparation of spatial planning concepts and urban renovation strategies for Xinmalu Historical District.
- Assess in which way Xinmalu Historical District can complement and contribute to a more complete and better functioning Ningbo Old Bund.
- Provide guidance on the economic development that is consistent with spatial planning concepts and urban renovation strategies.
- Carry out comparative research between best practices in other cities.

Ningbo is an exciting and complex city with outstanding heritage, successful new developments, beautiful bridges, high quality museums, with a well-developed and continuous network of green ways and public spaces. Ningbo is a city that embraces new spatial concepts that improve the ecological quality and living conditions for its inhabitants.

Deliverables

The UPAT Team members working jointly with the NBPI will:

- Prepare and present initial findings and recommendations of the UPAT Team to the city officials and representatives on the last day of the workshop.
- Write and publish a dedicated issue of the ISOCARP PLAN Magazine (number 6, 60 pages) with the findings observations, opinions and recommendations of the UPAT Team.
- Organize the UPAT seminar at the 54th ISOCARP Congress, 1-5 October 2018 in Bodø, Norway.

In order to introduce Ningbo to ISOCARP and international planners worldwide, NBPI will prepare a planning atlas about and planning guide to Ningbo. NBPI will also assign and contract a professional photographer who records the fieldtrips and the most important meetings and presentations.

Terms of Reference

The role and task of this UPAT is to work closely and collectively with NBPI as colleagues for one week to deliver recommendations, guidance and insights for the new identity and urban renovation of Xinmalu District. The background, expertise and experience of ISOCARP members applying for this UPAT Team need to match with and contribute to the role, task and deliverables of this UPAT workshop.

Team Organization and Selection

The Vice President UPATs sends out the Call for Candidates to members of ISOCARP on 07 February 2018. The deadline for the applications is 01 March 2018. The announcement of the results and the start of the visa application are scheduled for 08 March 2018. The UPAT Team will comprise a total of eight ISOCARP members: the Team Leader, the UPAT Rapporteur, two senior planners, two young planning professionals, the Vice President UPATs and the ISOCARP UPAT Coordinator. Candidates with the following backgrounds, expertise and skills will be encouraged to apply:

- Research, visioning, and planning of historic districts.
- Communication and stakeholder management.
- Urban renovation and ecological restoration.
- Sustainable urban design, landscape and architecture.

- Research and analyses of cities, global trends, case studies of best practices.
- Work experience in China and Asia is recommended, but not required.

NBPI will provide all necessary and relevant information, data and maps and documents related to the work of the UPAT Team. The UPAT team will visit and study the planning areas in great detail.

In 2018 NBPI celebrates its 30th anniversary. NBPI is preparing an international planning congress in May, June or July 2018. NBPI intends to invite some of the Ningbo UPAT team members to present the results and findings of the Ningbo UPAT workshop at their congress.



>> An UPAT workshop is an informal creative urban lab with a formal presentation to city officials on the last day of the workshop.

Assignment

The selected team members will be requested to arrive for the UPAT Workshop in Ningbo on Saturday 14 April 2018 or Sunday 15 April 2018 at the latest. The UPAT Workshop starts on Sunday 15 April 2018 with a tour in the city of Ningbo. During the week, the UPAT Team will visit the planning area and meet representatives and officials of Ningbo and Xinmalu Historical District. Local representatives and officials will be available to exchange ideas and respond to questions throughout the workshop week. The UPAT Workshop will end with a presentation of the preliminary results on Friday 20 April 2018. The selected team members will be free to depart from Ningbo on Saturday 21 April 2018.

The Team Leader, the UPAT Rapporteur and the team members will all contribute to the presentation and the PLAN Magazine. The UPAT Team's findings will be presented and discussed during UPAT Seminar at the 54th ISOCARP Congress 1-5 October 2018 in Bodø, Norway.

The UPAT Team will bear in mind that the texts and images of PLAN Magazine will require the endorsement from NBPI and need to be written according to the publication

requirements of ISOCARP. The document will have to meet the Society's and NBPI expectations of professionalism and excellence. The PLAN Magazine should comprise all UPAT working documents and materials produced by team members and should be written and edited in English and published in English and Chinese. NBPI will take care of all English-Chinese translations.

The Ningbo Xinmalu Historical District UPAT workshop will be operated (planning, budget, expenses, logistics) by the ISOCARP Institute and NBPI.

Contribution and Expenses

Participation in the Urban Planning Advisory Team is open to full ISOCARP Members only. Their participation in and contribution to the 'New Identity and Urban Renovation Xinmalu Historical District' UPAT workshop in Ningbo is in principle voluntary, however, for this UPAT workshop ISOCARP has negotiated a fee for the UPAT Team members who actively participate in the UPAT workshop in Ningbo and the production of the PLAN Magazine.

NBPI and ISOCARP will provide accommodation, meals and local transportation during the UPAT Workshop. NBPI will also provide the working and meeting facilities, access to the Internet, local information, maps and all necessary supplies required for the UPAT Workshops and to produce a comprehensive presentation and the PLAN Magazine.

NBPI and ISOCARP will provide allowance for international travel expenses (cf. actual cost supported by tickets and boarding passes) based on a travel distance policy. UPAT participants will receive a maximum travel allowance for flight and visa costs of up to € 1.000 if their trip originates in Asia and up to € 1.500 if their trip originates from outside Asia. In either case, applicants will receive whichever is the lower of the two figures – actual expense and the maximum limit. Travel expenses will be reimbursed against submitted original receipts, tickets, boarding passes, etc. Selected applicants will be strongly advised to make their travel arrangements and to apply for a visa as soon as possible and to take advantage of the best available airfares.

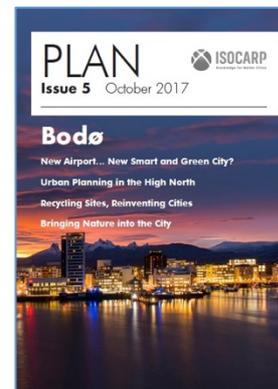
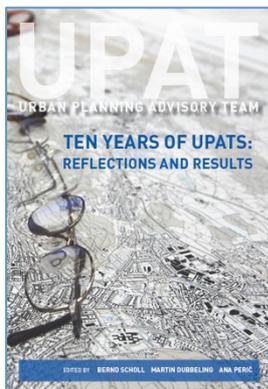
Risks

The 'New Identity and Urban Renovation Xinmalu District' UPAT will be carried out under the responsibility of NBPI and ISOCARP. Traveling in China is comfortable and Ningbo is a safe city. However, in principle, the UPAT team members will travel and stay in China at their own risk. NBPI and ISOCARP will do their very best to safeguard the safety, integrity and well being of the UPAT team members.

Logistics

- The location of the UPAT will be in Ningbo, People's Republic of China.

- Immediately after the selection, the NBPI will provide the selected UPAT team members the official invitation letters that they may need to apply for their visa.
- Expected arrival date of the participants to Ningbo for the UPAT Workshop is Saturday 14 April 2018, Sunday 15 April 2018 at the latest.
- Transportation will be provided to and from Ningbo Airport or Ningbo High Speed Railway Station.
- A detailed program will be provided to the selected team.
- NBPI will arrange and pay for the hotel, meals, working and meeting facilities and local transportation for the UPAT Team.
- Selected team members are requested to bring their laptops and digital cameras.
- UPAT Team members are requested to take a personal travel insurance to cover their risks.
- Departures of the team members will have to be scheduled for Saturday 21 April 2018.
- All UPAT Team members will be expected to contribute to the PLAN Magazine (issue 6) that needs to be ready for publication on 30 June 2018.
- The selected team members will be invited to participate in the UPAT Seminar at the 54th ISOCARP Congress in Bodø, Norway, 1-5 October 2018.



>> For more information about the UPAT programme, we recommend to read our publication *Ten Years of UPATs* and the *PLAN Magazines* of the previous UPAT workshops. All these publications are or will be made available on our website.

Calendar

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| • Call for Candidates | 07 February 2018 |
| • Deadline - Reception of Applications | 01 March 2018 |
| • Selection and Announcement of Results | 08 March 2018 |
| • Start Visa Application Process selected team members | 08 March 2018 |
| • Preparational visit VP UPATs and UPAT Coordinator to Ningbo | 15-17 March 2018 |
| • Arrival of UPAT Team in Ningbo for the UPAT Workshop | 14-15 April 2018 |

- Ningbo Xinmalu UPAT Workshop 16-20 April 2018
- Departure UPAT Team from Ningbo 21 April 2018
- NBPI 30th Anniversary International Planning Congress TBA 2018
- First Ningbo PLAN Magazine ready for publication 30 June 2018
- Ningbo UPAT Seminar ISOCARP Congress in Bodø, Norway 01-05 October 2018

Provisional Time Schedule Ningbo UPAT Workshop

Day	Time	Activity
Saturday	All day	Arrival of participants
Sunday	09:00	Arrival of participants
	12:00	Welcoming lunch with introductory presentations
	14:00	Tour of the Inner City of Ningbo
	20:00	First reflections
Monday	09:00	Tour of Xinmalu District
	12:00	Working lunch with stakeholders
	13:00	1. Working session
	16:00 - 20:00	Feedback and discussion
Tuesday	09:00	Tour of Xinmalu District
	12:00	Working lunch with stakeholders
	13:00	2. Working session
	16:00 - 20:00	Feedback and discussion
Wednesday	09:00	3. Working session
	12:00	Working lunch with real estate developers
	13:00	4. Working session
	16:00 - 20:00	Feedback and discussion
Thursday	09:00	Elaboration and conclusions
	14:00	Elaboration and conclusions
	16:00 - 20:00	Feedback and discussion
Friday	08:00	Final adjustments elaboration and conclusions
	10:00	Presentation to Ningbo officials and representatives
	14:00	Feedback presentation, detailed planning PLAN Magazine
	18:00	Farewell dinner
Saturday	All day	Departures

How to Apply

Applications must include a letter of intent addressed to Milena Ivkovic, ISOCARP Vice President UPATs, with a copy to Martin Dubbeling, ISOCARP UPAT Coordinator, outlining the reasons why you would like to be part of the advisory team and your possible contributions related to the areas of interest to this UPAT. With this letter of intent, include a one page Curriculum Vitae (resume) that highlights your relevant experience.

Participation in UPAT workshops is only open to full members of ISOCARP. Members of the ISOCARP Executive Committee are not allowed to apply. The selection outcomes will be communicated to successful applicants by e-mail by the deadline set in the calendar.

Selection Process

ISOCARP organises multiple UPATs in 2018. On average we receive 40 expressions of interest and applications to join a UPAT team, and many shortly before the deadline. The deadline for applications for this UPAT is 01 March 2018. However, the sooner we receive your application, the better. We start reviewing your application and CV as soon as these come in and we may want to ask the applicants to send us additional information.

The selection of the Ningbo Xinmalu District UPAT team will be made in order to compose a mixed, diverse (gender, age, background, specific expertise, region of origin) and best possible team that reflects a well-balanced representation of ISOCARP. ISOCARP will present and discuss a shortlist of candidates with NPBI. ISOCARP and NPBI jointly will make the final selection of the Ningbo Xinmalu District UPAT team.

If you have any question or suggestion about the Call for Candidates or the selection process for the Ningbo Xinmalu District UPAT workshop, please contact the Vice President UPATs, Milena Ivkovic, and the ISOCARP UPAT Coordinator, Martin Dubbeling, directly.

Applications

Applications and CV (resume) should be sent to Milena Ivkovic, Vice President UPATs: ivkovich@isocarp.org, with a copy to the ISOCARP UPAT Coordinator, Martin Dubbeling: dubbeling@isocarp.org. The Vice President UPATs and the ISOCARP UPAT Coordinator will communicate openly and transparently to all applicants during and after the selection process.

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