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Feedbacks

Editor's Note: In late 2011, when *China City Planning Review* (CCPR) went through five years after the resumption of its publication, a small-scale investigation was carried out among its subscribers in both China and abroad on how they review the journal from academic viewpoint, for the purpose of getting some proposals to further highlight its academic influence. Many feedbacks were returned at the turn of 2012, along with not only the constructive suggestions for its future development, but also the appreciation of the journal's positive role in the field of urban planning and among the scholars interested in China. They are seriously taken by the Editorial Department as great encouragement to continue our efforts. Some of the feedbacks are presented hereby in this issue for the information of the readers. Having a history of 25 years, CCPR is still young and its growth deserves not only the sustained hard-work of the Editorial Department, but also the broad participation of its international readers. We eagerly look forward to more pertinent proposals from our readers which will definitely help us to make the journal better in future.

China has a long history of urban construction which demonstrates the unremitting efforts of the Chinese people to pursue the great cause of creating simultaneously a harmonious society and better human settlements. Nowadays, under the circumstances of globalization and accelerating urbanization, it is necessary for us to develop the Sciences of Human Settlements that can suit the specific features of China. From that viewpoint, the journal of CCPR can be regarded as academic platform for international exchanges, where we can see not only the warm discussions on the concepts, modes, and paths of human settlement construction among the experts and scholars from different disciplines, from both homeland and overseas, but also the active practice of human settlement construction in the cities of China. I acknowledge very much the great efforts made by the Editorial Department of CCPR in the past years and hope that the journal would continue to play the role of an open and academic platform for the international and multi-disciplinary dialogues on the Sciences of Human Settlements, as well as a unique base to demonstrate the theoretical and practical achievements of China on the Sciences of Human Settlements to the outside world.

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CCPR is currently received in the Harvard University Library System at the Loeb Library in the Graduate School of Design and the Fung Library in the Fairbank Center of Chinese Studies. Issues at the Loeb Library date back to the magazine's inception in 1985, while those at the Fung Library date from 1987. From the perspective of this review, CCPR provides timely access to an English-language readership of important topics in contemporary Chinese city planning. It also provides a platform for informed opinion from public officials, as well as from academics, allowing the magazine to transcend a solely academic presentation and readership. In this regard, the sections like "Debates and Ideas," as well as "Critical Insight" are clear in their intention and mode of presentation. The tendency to group articles into thematic clusters in the body of the magazine is also appropriate, especially for later referencing purposes. The language though technical is literate and understandable, and the graphic presentation is generally clear and unfussy. Articles are succinct and even perhaps too succinct in some cases.

Looking to the future, at least two other sections or departments might warrant inclusion with one devoted to an interview with a prominent decision maker or authority and the other for short book reviews, especially about topics central to a particular issue of the magazine. To reiterate, though, CCPR has proven to be very useful for this reviewer and for inclusion into

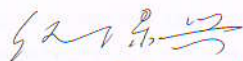
class material at Harvard dealing with contemporary Chinese city planning.

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Today, it is commonly regarded that the urbanization of China is one of the most influential events in the world in the 21st century. Taking that into consideration, how to introduce to the world the academic and practical achievements of China in the field of urban planning becomes a question worthy of thorough considerations. For that, CCPR, the only English journal of China in the field of urban planning and construction that is distributed globally, has doubtlessly made remarkable contributions. ...It is now becoming an important window for China to exhibit its tremendous achievements in urban planning and construction to the world, as well as a unique platform for scholars, from both China and abroad, to exchange their theoretical thoughts and practical researches concerning China's urban planning and construction.

With the coming of 2012, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Editorial Department of CCPR, as well as the Urban Planning Society of China, Center for Human

Settlements and School of Architecture of Tsinghua University, and Beijing Tsinghua Urban Planning & Design Institute that have supported the publication of CCPR, and hope that the journal will continue to publicize the theoretical explorations and practical achievements of China in urban planning and construction, so as to further expand their global influence!



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In 2006, as new President of ISOCARP, one of the good news items I came across in international planning was the resumption of CCPR, published by the Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) and mainly sponsored by Beijing Tsinghua Urban Planning & Design Institute. I read and kept most issues and from time to time sent to SHI Nan, its associate Chief Editor, some specific comments, for example in 2007 about YU Wenbo et al., comparing America's transit oriented developments and their Chinese counterparts, and in 2010 about XIA Yongxiang's contribution, which describes an institutional situation that could be formally compared to some of the Western ones... The Review regularly handles matters related to planning, such as urban history, heritage protection and environmental enhancement issues. In each of these instances there is room for further international and comparative perspectives.

The fact that SHI Nan has been elected Vice President of ISOCARP with responsibility of publications and has co-edited the latest issue of *ISOCARP Review* – printed in China – will no-doubt entail new synergies between the respective publications of UPSC and ISOCARP and their international news

and comments. May I warmly congratulate UPSC and its sponsors for the successful revival of CCPR and express my sincerest wishes for its further development.

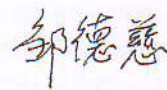


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Since its publication was resumed in 2006, the journal of CCPR...has been broadly recognized by the readers from both homeland and overseas for its rational configuration of columns and profound connotations of articles, as well as its opened views and discreet attitude. After restarting the subscription in 2007, the subscribers to CCPR has increased by nearly 15% each year, who come from all over the world, such as Switzerland in Europe, Canada in North America, and Venezuela in Latin America. Via an international language, CCPR introduces timely to the world the news achievements of practice and research of urban planning and construction in China, gradually becoming an important source for the foreign scholars, officials, and students in the field of urban planning and construction to understand Chinese cities and their urban planning and construction as well.

At the beginning of a new year, I would like to express my sincere appreciations to Urban Planning Society of China, Center for Human Settlements and School of Architecture of Tsinghua University, and Beijing Tsinghua Urban Planning & Design Institute for their sustained support to CCPR, and my warm regards to the readers of the journal. I believe that in 2012, CCPR will make further progress to be an important academic platform for scholars from both China and abroad to discuss about the ur-


ban and rural development of China!



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..In its relatively short time of existence after the successful relaunch in 2006, CCPR has become a serious, reliable and much respected source of information on China. The well edited journal has become an indispensable for all those, who really wish to understand urban and regional development in the country. Even for those, who do not dare and intend to become experts of China's urban transition and just explore and monitor the implications of China's economic growth on cities and regions in Europe, the journal is a necessary reference, too. ...

As a regular reader of CCPR, I could imagine to further enrich the journal by: Regular references to official publications of the Chinese Government on urban and regional policies; A list of publications on books and key papers on urban and regional development in China in English, Spanish, German and other languages, selected and provided by correspondents abroad on a regular basis; Critical reviews of books written outside of China on urban and regional development in China, critically reviewed by Chinese scholars; Reports about ongoing research projects on China's urban and regional development; Local reports from the vast Chinese urban laboratory, where innovative and exemplary approaches to urban and regional development are applied...



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