

China: Focus on Danish building components during Chinese delegation visit

During a study tour to Europe, an expert delegation from China's Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development pays visit to the Danish Energy Agency and the Copenhagen Green Lighthouse on May 19 2014. The visit was a part of the ongoing Sino-Danish cooperation in green urbanization and low energy building.



On May 19 2014 an expert delegation from China's Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development met with energy experts from the Danish Energy Agency in Copenhagen. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and exchange knowledge on regulation concerning Danish building component standards. The discussions also included an introduction to the Nordic Built Charter - a recent pan-Nordic initiative to get the entire value chain of the building sector to work more closely together and thereby raise the fundamental level in an increasingly livable and cost-efficient green low energy Nordic urban development.

A key element of the day was a trip to inspect the Copenhagen Green Lighthouse. The lighthouse from 2009 is the first example of a CO2 neutral building in Copenhagen and it continues to represent cutting edge technologies and approaches to low energy building based on "Active House" thinking.

In 2012 the Nanjing City authorities commissioned a twin-project to be built in Nanjing and completed by summer 2014. The Nanjing Green Lighthouse will be a scaled up model of the building in Copenhagen, but adapted to the much warmer climate zone of Nanjing.

The Nanjing Green Lighthouse is based on a design by Danish engineering company, Cowi and Chinese architectural company Archiland. Cowi was the

main engineering company of the Copenhagen Green Lighthouse and also part of a consortium of Danish companies who participate in a forthcoming Sino-Danish retrofit demonstration project in China based on the Nordic Built Charter. This project is a key element in the ongoing Sino-Danish cooperation on green low-carbon urban development.

For more on the Nordic Built Retrofit project please go here.

More info on Green Lighthouse in Copenhagen:

http://greenlighthouse.ku.dk/english/

Nordic Built Charter (In Chinese)

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