



Chengji Li

- Professor-Level Senior Engineer
- Master of Engineering Survey and Design in Shandong Province
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- Vice Chairman of the Landscape Planning and Design Branch of the Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture
- Vice President of the Landscape Architecture and Ecological Environment Branch of the China Engineering & Consulting Association
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- Vice Chairman of the Landscape Architecture Branch of the Shandong Urban Construction Management Association
- Visiting Professor at Qingdao Agricultural University
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Statement of Outstanding Individual

A pioneer and practitioner in the research of urban ecological corridors in mountain-sea cities. Drawing on coastal ecological succession theory and biodiversity restoration mechanisms, he has innovatively proposed the theoretical frameworks of “Mountain-Range Ecological Corridors” and “Road-Based Ecological Corridors,” providing a scientific foundation for the ecological renovation of urban built-up spaces. Several of his construction projects have won the First Prize of the National Excellent Engineering Survey and Design Award.

As a scholar and practitioner in China’s rural revitalization efforts, he has dedicated 40 years to the work related to rural areas and primary levels. By integrating traditional Chinese ecological wisdom with modern sustainable development principles, he has pioneered a unique theoretical framework with distinctive Chinese characteristics for enhancing rural livability and ecological restoration, namely the Rural Landscape Ethics theory.



Academic Background & Achievements

Engaged in landscape design since 1985, Li Chengji has centered his work on creating habitable environments, ecological conservation, and the revitalization and development of rural areas in China. Drawing from the philosophical essence of Chinese traditional culture, namely the harmony between nature and humanity, he combines principles of rural ecological sustainability with decades of practice and theoretical research to develop innovative approaches. In projects such as Shijia Village Beautiful Rural Residence Construction in Dianzi Town of Qingdao, Goudong Village Beautiful Rural Residence Design in Rizhuang Town of Qingdao, Landscape Design of the Demonstration Area of Qilu Model for the Rural Revitalization, Guanzhuangbei Village Beautiful Rural Residence Construction in Tianzhuang Town, and Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Landscape Design of Wangfen Village and Laowa Village of Wangfen Town (Weifang), and Henglan Village of Miaozhi Town (Qingzhou), he emphasized three core tenets: reverence for the land, compliance with nature, and cultural continuity. By adopting a “micro-intervention · gradual renewal” approach, he reconciled the deep contradiction between ecological protection and livelihood improvement in rural area development, ensuring that rural renewal honors both cultural heritage and environmental resilience, ultimately creating sustainable spaces that villagers “understand, can afford, and willingly maintain”. These efforts culminated in his “Rural Landscape Ethics” theoretical framework, rooted in Taoist (“follow natural laws”) and Confucian (“ceaseless vitality”) philosophies. As a researcher of rural ecology and landscape at the primary level in China, he has gradually formed a set of rural construction theories with unique Chinese characteristics.

Since 1989, Li has led his team with a deep reverence for traditional Chinese culture, conducting systematic studies to integrate cultural elements into landscape design. Projects like the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition Venue Greening Project in Qingdao, the Theme Park Landscape Design for International Horticultural Exposition 2014 Qingdao, the Main Venue and Surrounding Core Area Landscape Engineering of Shanghai Cooperation Organization Qingdao Summit in 2018, the Friendship City Memorial Pavilion between Odessa (Ukraine) and Qingdao (China), and Qingdao APEC Memorial Park exemplify his fusion of cultural heritage with contemporary design, making positive contributions to the inheritance and display of traditional Chinese culture.

Combining his theory and practice of “Mountain-Based” and “Road-Based” ecological corridors, the International Horticultural Exposition 2014 Qingdao Taiping Mountain Central Park Comprehensive Renovation and Reconstruction Planning project, as a typical case of the renovation and renewal design of an existing urban large-scale park, won the first prize in the National Excellent Engineering Survey and Design Selection, providing theoretical support and practical reference for the future renovation of old urban parks.

Publications

- *Accessibility Construction Guide*
- *Technical Standard for Spraying-seeding Revegetation Engineering of Slopes*
- *Technical Specification for Urban Landscaping in Qingdao*
- *Construction Standard for Roof Greening in Qingdao*
- *Specifications for the Construction of Urban Wetland Parks in Qingdao*
- *Guide on Accessible Facility Construction in Qingdao*



HONORS & AWARDS



REPRESENTATIVE RECENT AWARD WINNING PROJECTS

Major Achievements, Awards, and Honors

- August 2019: The 6th Batch of Masters of Engineering Survey and Design in Shandong Province;
- September 2019: Expert Enjoying Special Government Allowance from the Qingdao Municipal People’s Government in 2019;
- November 2020: The Xiaomaidao Ecological Restoration and Improvement Project in Qingdao received the Second Prize of the Science and Technology Awards by the Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture and the First Prize of the Shandong Provincial Excellent Engineering Survey and Design Award;
- October 2021: The Main Venue and Surrounding Core Area Landscape Engineering of Shanghai Cooperation Organization Qingdao Summit project won the Third Prize of the Science and Technology Awards by the Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture and the First Prize of the Shandong Provincial Excellent Engineering Survey and Design Award;
- November 2018: The Qingdao Puning Road Park Landscape Engineering project won the Gold Award of the 2018 Municipal Garden Bonus Award;
- November 2017: The Design of International Horticultural Exposition Taiping Mountain Comprehensive Improvement Project won the First Prize of the National Outstanding Engineering Survey and Design Industrial Award;
- January 2016: The Outstanding Contribution Award for the 30th Anniversary of Engineering Survey and Design Industry of Shandong Province;
- July 2015: The International Horticultural Exposition 2014 Qingdao Theme Park Landscape Design project (including Children’s Dream Garden, Chinese Garden, International Garden, Green Industry Garden, Tea Fragrance Garden, Agricultural Art Garden, Theme Pavilion Plaza) won the First Prize of Shandong Provincial Excellent Engineering Survey and Design Achievements Competition, the Second Prize of National Outstanding Engineering Survey and Design Industrial Award for Landscape Architecture, and the Second Prize of National Excellent Urban and Rural Planning and Design Award;
- November 2011: The Qingdao High-tech Zone Ecological Water System Landscape Engineering Design won the Second Prize of National Outstanding Engineering Survey and Design Industrial Award for Municipal Public Engineering;
- 2005: The Qingdao Coastal Tourist Walkway project won the First Prize of the Shandong Provincial Excellent Engineering Survey and Design Award;
- 1999: The Qingdao Donghai Road Environmental Planning and Design won the Gold Award of National Excellent Engineering Design.

