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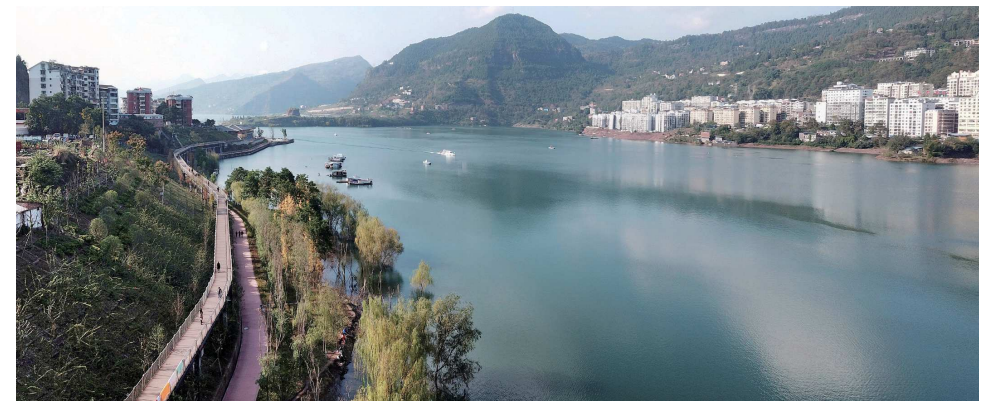
WANG Xiangrong's exploration into the theories and practices of contemporary landscape architecture, and his contribution to the development and education of the discipline have been widely recognized by leading professionals.

He has worked on the theoretical research and practices of landscape architecture. As an academic practitioner, he summarized the evolutionary mechanisms and characteristics of Chinese landscapes, proposed theories and practical methods from natural and cultural perspectives, and forwarded the idea of constructing an integrated natural system within and without the city. This includes the planning approach of "protection-restoration-transformation-integration," which significantly contributed to urban and rural environmental construction accompanying the rapid urbanization of China.

He hosted hundreds of influential planning and design practices and won 19 renowned international and 17 domestic awards, including six IFLA-APR Awards, four IFLA-APPME Awards, and two ASLA Professional Awards. His works have been involved in high-level exhibitions worldwide.

He served as the vice chairman of Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture from 2008–2018, and as the chief editor of the Landscape Architecture Journal and the vice chief editor of the Chinese Landscape Magazine, both of which are highly influential in the discipline in China. He has guided cutting-edge researches, advocated the integration of diverse disciplines, and is devoted to the promotion of international communication in the field.

As the dean and leading professor of School of Landscape Architecture in Beijing Forestry University (BFU), Wang Xiangrong has promoted discipline, optimizing the educational system and has cultivated students to be top innovative talents in their field. Landscape architecture of BFU was highly regarded in the External Review of 2018. Throughout his 30-year career as a distinguished teacher and mentor, he has cultivated more than 100 doctors and masters, who have played important roles in the development of landscape architecture in China.



#### EVALUATORS' CITATION

Professor Wang Xiangrong has greatly influenced the field of landscape architecture in China with his theoretical and practical understanding of place from both natural and cultural perspectives. He has demonstrated his theories with numerous forward-looking and representative projects that have been implemented or constructed. His applied thinking and contributions to the renewal of old towns as well as the development of new city districts have transformed several aspects of urban spaces in China. His advocacy and involvement in environmental projects have also redefined the value of urban abandoned land, preserved the urban wildscape by furthering natural succession processes, and creating diverse gardens and distinctive ecological display areas. Prof Wang has also been active in promoting international communication and exchanges in landscape architecture. With his 30 years as an academic and a reputation of being an outstanding teacher and mentor, he continues to volunteer his time to guide students to explore and research new topics. His cultivation has led to hundreds of postgraduates who are now experts and leaders in their respective fields, playing important roles in the development of landscape architecture in China.

**Prof Wang is deserving of this Luminary Award because he has demonstrated the importance of an academic playing a critical role in influencing the value of landscape beyond the education sector.**